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## Despite 10 Percent Budget Cut, Auburn Uses Money From Generations Fund, Bond Issues, Gifts To Make Progress

By Kaye Lovvorn

It's been a spring of bad news and good news at Auburn.

The bad news is that state funding for the 1986-87 school year has been cut 10.4 percent from the current appropriation.

The good news is that the Fuller E. Callaway Foundation has given a grant of \$500,000 to the library (*see related story*), the state bond issue for education and Auburn's own construction bond issue have both been sold, Auburn Generations Fund money is improving the quality of Auburn education, contract and grant money coming into the university continues to increase, and final details for the hotel-conference center should be approved by the board and groundbreaking underway by June 1.

The cuts Auburn received in the budget passed by the Legislature on April 28 are likely to "curtail much of the progress that Auburn could make if provided adequate funding," according to President James E. Martin. Included in the overall budget cut of 10.4 percent is a 10.1 percent cut for the main campus academic programs, an 8.9 percent cut for the Agricultural Experiment Station, a 9 percent cut for the Extension Service, and a 15.9 percent cut for AUM.

The budget cut will have an important impact on Auburn's programs, including a small cutback in enrollment and postponing plans to reduce class size. Auburn will also lose ground it had gained in the last two years in keeping faculty salaries competitive with others in the Southeast.

The university continues to have "the same basic problems that Auburn has faced for years," according to Dr. Martin, because state funding is not based on the true cost. Auburn suffers because funding is not made on the basis of weighted credit hours taught. Weighted credit hours (WCH) are determined not only by the number of hours taught but by the level of the course and the expense of the equipment necessary to teach the course. For instance, a senior engineering or pharmacy laboratory course is much more expensive to teach

than a sophomore lecture course in history or English. Auburn's 1986-87 budget will provide \$55 for each weighted credit hour taught here; other Alabama university appropriations reach as high as \$100 per WCH. If Auburn received the state average per WCH, Pres. Martin explains, the 1986-87 budget would include an additional \$8 million.

But to turn from the bad news to the good:

The \$500,000 Callaway Foundation gift to the library brought Auburn closer to a library expansion which will be jointly funded by a state bond issue, a university bond issue, and private gifts.

Money supporting research at Auburn through contracts and grants is running 15 percent ahead of last year at this time, which means that Auburn's research contributions should be more extensive than in the past. Last year, the contract and research money almost doubled that of the year before. In other news concerning grants and research, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has released its most recent study—based on 1983-84 figures—showing that Auburn ranks 85th in the nation's colleges and universities in generating money for science and engineering research and development.

Further details in the NSF study show that Auburn ranks 49th in research expenditures resulting from private funding, 124th in funding from the federal government, 48th when private and state funding are lumped together, 12th in agricultural research, 54th in engineering research, and 68th in life sciences research (which includes agriculture and veterinary medicine).

A survey of the impact of the Auburn Generations Fund a year following its formal ending demonstrates that much of the money is now at work in various Auburn schools and colleges. The most obvious example is the Harbert Engineering Center, dedicated in April. Other gifts are also supplying professorships, scholarships, books, equipment, etc. A total of \$32,707,179 has already been transferred to university schools and departments, with \$2.5 million coming in during the past year as alumni and faculty continue to fulfill pledges. In addition to pledges, cash, and equipment, other gifts were made in the form of bequests and property which will eventually be sold and the proceeds used for the purpose designated by the donor.

Executive Director of Development Jerry

F. Smith '64 notes that not only are many of the funds set up so that the aid to Auburn will be perpetual—carrying out the motto of the Generations Fund "for the generations to come"—but some people have completed their pledges and made new ones, indicating their continuing concern that an Auburn education be a quality one.

As *The Alumnnews* is going to press, the Auburn Board of Trustees is expected to review and approve final arrangements for a 175-room Sheraton Hotel and Continuing Education Center across from the campus. If all arrangements are approved, construction should be underway in June.

## \$500,000 Callaway Gift Boosts Library Expansion

By Keith Ayers  
AU News Bureau

The Auburn University Library is one step closer to a major expansion, thanks to

a \$500,000 commitment to the university by the Fuller E. Callaway Foundation of LaGrange, Ga. The commitment is part of a \$5 million private fundraising effort to go toward an estimated \$18 million expansion which will nearly double the size of Auburn's Ralph B. Draughton Library.

"We are very grateful to the Fuller E. Callaway Foundation for this generous support of the library project," said Auburn President James E. Martin. "The foundation has a reputation for giving to projects that have lasting effects on many people. The Auburn library indeed meets these criteria."

The Fuller E. Callaway Foundation was created by the late Fuller E. Callaway, Sr., and is associated with the Callaway family of LaGrange, Ga.

The library is not the first beneficiary on the Auburn campus of Callaway family generosity. The Callaway Foundation, Inc., donated \$500,000 in 1969 to set up a trust for the creation of two J.D. Hudson professorial chairs on the Auburn campus. In addition to other smaller gifts, the founda-

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**100TH ANNIVERSARY**—Auburn recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of *The Progressive Farmer* magazine and honored its retired editor-in-chief, Eugene Butler of Dallas, Tex. Mr. Butler, pictured at a luncheon on campus, is flanked by Emory O. Cunningham '49, his successor as chairman of the Southern Progress Corp., and Auburn President James E. Martin '54. Auburn's connections with *Progressive Farmer* and the Southern Progress Corp. are extensive, including not only a number of alumni who have been associated with the company but a number of faculty members who have been honored for their service to agriculture.



# Campus Roundup

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tion also supported the Auburn Generations Fund drive with a \$500,000 unrestricted gift, which also has been designated to the library project.

Jerry F. Smith '64, executive director of Alumni and Development, said the combined support of the Callaway Foundation, Inc., and the Fuller E. Callaway Foundation for the library expansion now totals \$1 million and will serve as an impetus for the private fund drive for the project.

"Once again the Callaway foundations have made major gifts to boost Auburn's efforts to provide quality education," said Mr. Smith. "The early gift in the Auburn Generations Fund Drive encouraged other major donors to make commitments, and we believe the latest Callaway support will have the same positive effect."

As announced earlier, the university plans to double the size of the Auburn library through a combination of state, private, and university bond issue funds.

Last September, Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Pat Dye pledged \$1 million toward the library on behalf of the Athletic Department, further pledging to lead a fund drive to reap another \$4 million for the library in private funds. Now that the latest Callaway commitment has been made, \$3 million in private funds remains to be raised toward the goal of \$5 million.

Pres. Martin said this money would be combined with \$5 million in proceeds from the state education bond issue of 1985. The remaining funds needed to build the structure will come from a university bond issue backed by part of the proceeds generated from a recent student fee increase.

"It is only fitting that the library expansion be built from a combination of state, tuition, and private funds," Pres. Martin said. "The quality of every program at Auburn hinges on a quality library, and this building project will help us greatly in our effort to become a member of the Association of Research Libraries by 1990," he said, alluding to one of the priorities he set for the university upon his inauguration more than two years ago.

While final architectural plans are not yet approved for the project, the tentative idea is to build an addition to the College Street side of the library. Once completed, that side of the library would almost duplicate the columned facade now facing Mell Street. The project would roughly double the library's floor space.

"At present, our library is bulging. We have materials for which we have no room. This project is one of our highest priorities," Dr. Martin said. "We must now concentrate on the remaining private funding needed



**HUMANITIES AWARD WINNERS**—Chatting following a luncheon in their honor are the 1986 recipients of Auburn's Achievements Awards in the Humanities. At left is Madison Jones, University Writer-in-Residence, who received the award for faculty achievement in the humanities. Mary Beth Evans, center, a March graduate in philosophy, received the W. C. Bradley Award for Student Achievement in the Humanities, and James Patrick '56, right, received the award for alumni achievement in the humanities. Dr. Patrick is a partner in the architecture firm of Knight Associates, adjunct professor in the School of Architecture and Environmental Design at the University of Texas, Arlington, and director of the St. Thomas More Institute in Fort Worth, Tex.

to make the project a reality," he added, saying that the university would like to begin construction on the project during 1987.

serving as president-elect of the Alabama Dietetics Association when named to the Maryland position. At Maryland she was Sigma Xi chapter president in 1980, and in

## Prather Named 1986 Distinguished Grad Of Home Economics

The 1986 Distinguished Alumna of the School of Home Economics is Elizabeth Sturkie Prather '52.

Head of the Department of Food, Nutrition and Institution Administration in the University of Maryland's College of Home Economics for the past 18 years, Dr. Prather has compiled a record of accomplishment as an administrator, teacher, and researcher. Internationally known for her work in carbohydrate metabolism, she has authored or co-authored 78 scientific publications.

An Auburn native and the daughter of a long-time professor of agronomy, Dr. G. Dana Sturkie '20, Dr. Prather began her professional career at Auburn with the Human Nutrition Research Laboratory. She earned her M.S. here in 1955 and then received her Ph.D. from Iowa State.

She served as acting head of Auburn's Department of Food and Nutrition for a year before going to Maryland in 1967 to head the department there. At Auburn she was a member of Sigma Xi research society and president of Phi Kappa Phi. She was



**HOME EC ALUMNA**—Dr. Elizabeth Sturkie Prather '52, center, head of the Department of Food, Nutrition and Institution Administration at the University of Maryland, is the Distinguished Alumna of the Year for 1986 in the School of Home Economics. Pictured with her are Grady Sue Loftin Saxon '55, left, chair of the awards committee, and Dean of Home Economics June Henton.

1984 she received the Distinguished Service Award of Maryland's College of Human Ecology Alumni Association.

A past president of the Maryland Home Economics Association, she is serving as a consulting editor of the *Journal of the American College of Nutrition* and is a member of the American Council on Science and Health. Named a Fellow of the American College of Nutrition in 1983, she is a member of Omicron Nu and Iota Sigma Pi honoraries and such professional groups as the Society for Nutrition Education, Institute of Food Technologists, the Nutrition Today Society, and the American Public Health Association.

## AU Videotapes Chosen As National Examples

Two humanities videotapes from Auburn were recently included in a national workshop on "Exemplary Humanities Programs for Adults."

Three AU professors participated in the workshop sponsored by Johns Hopkins University and held at Washington University in St. Louis. They were Leah Rawls Atkins, director of the Center for the Arts and Humanities; Jerry E. Brown of the Journalism Department; and Richard J. Penaskovic, head of the Religion Department.

The AU videotapes selected for screening were *The Alabama Experience: Our Humanities Heritage* and *Conversations in Auburn: Of Time and Choices*. The former examines the history of the human-



ities in Alabama, and the latter examines the value of a humanities education.

Participation in the workshop was limited to representatives from 60 colleges and universities out of more than 120 applicants.

## Students Honored in Physics, Chem. Engineering

Two graduate students in physics made presentations to the American Vacuum Society Convention in January. Andrew Allerman '85 of N. Palm Beach, Fla., whose research is supported by a grant from the Alabama Research Institute, made a ten-minute talk on his work involving "theoretical calculations of the conductivity of alloy semiconductors." John Crofton '83 of Auburn presented a paper on "Metal Thickness on the Accuracy of Specific Contact Resistance Measurements." He co-authored the paper with Dr. Peter Barnes, Walter Professor of Physics. John's research is funded by the NASA's Graduate Student Research Program.

Three Auburn juniors have been named outstanding students in chemical engineering at Auburn by Dow Chemical Corp. Eric A. Steelneath of Mobile has been named the Outstanding Junior. Runners up for the honor were Cari J. Watson of Auburn and Dane A. Griswold of Troy.

## Soil Judging Team Nat'l Champs Again

The Auburn University Soil Judging Team won its fourth national championship in the National Collegiate Soil Judging Contest held in Fort Collins, Colo., on April 18. Auburn's team won by beating 16 other college teams from all regions in the nation. More than 50 college teams initially competed at the regional level.

David Burrows of Selma led the Auburn team by placing 2nd in the contest. Tracy Cole of Fort Payne placed 8th. Other Auburn team members were Eric Gibson of Danville and Steve Cleland of Oxford.

Auburn University soil judging teams, coached by Dr. Ben F. Hajek of the Agronomy and Soils Department, have qualified to judge in the national contest five times in the last eight years. They have won the national championship four of these five times.

In a soil judging contest, the contestant must describe and name all soil horizons, estimate the water holding capacity, clay content, hydraulic conductivity, and other properties that are important for soil use and management in each of four sites with 45 minutes per site.

## Arnold Air Society Headquarters Move To Auburn As AU Students Head The Organization

Auburn University will be national headquarters of the Air Force ROTC Arnold Air Society for the 1986-87 academic year, with two local students serving as its top national officers. Bruce McGehee, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. (Babe) McGehee, and David Flynt, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne



**FINE ARTS WEEK**—Among the several activities included in Fine Arts Week on the Auburn Campus were the traditional brown bag concert in Graves Amphitheatre with the University Symphony and the local Suzuki violin group and the not-so-traditional building contest using food materials as building blocks.

—Photos by Dan Shell

Flynt, both of Auburn and juniors in aerospace engineering, were elected as national commander and vice commander of the Arnold Air Society during the recent National Conclave held in Chicago. Bruce has been elected to Phi Eta Sigma, Lambda Sigma, Squires, Talons, and Omicron Delta Kappa honoraries. David, who will attend Air Force pilot training after graduation, is recipient of the Reserve Officers Association Medal and other cadet awards.

The Arnold Air Society is a national honorary service organization made up of more than 5,000 Air Force ROTC cadets from more than 250 colleges and universi-

ties across the nation. ROTC officials said one of the main reasons for the overwhelming support of Auburn's bid for national headquarters was the university administration's support of the society and pledge of future support.

The 1986-87 national headquarters is made up of six Auburn Air Force ROTC cadets. Other officers besides Bruce and David include Fern Thomassy, who will serve as the national director of operations. He is the son of Col. and Mrs. F. A. Thomassy of Bel Air, Md. The national director of administration will be Brian Tonnell, the son of Lt. Col. Gerald and Norma Ton-

nell of Montgomery. Mikel Phillips will serve as national comptroller and is the son of State Sen. and Mrs. R.T. Phillips of Stone Mountain, Ga. Aaron Hagan will serve as director of public affairs and is the son of Mrs. and Mrs. Ewel Hagan of Bristol, Tenn. Col. John Butterfield, commander of the local Air Force ROTC unit and professor of aerospace studies, will serve as national advisor.

Each year the organization undertakes charitable projects on national, state, community, and campus levels. Recent projects done locally in Auburn by the 65-member

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# Points & Views

Here and There—

## As Our Brother's Keeper

By Jerry Roden, Jr. '46

From time to time since the spring of nineteen hundred and fifty-four, I have paused, taken stock of my attitudes, and concluded, for a few minutes at least, that I very well might be a fanatic on the matter of basic education. This negative self-assessment has never endured very long, because fresh fuel to feed the flame of my anxiety always has flowed in suddenly from some new direction. Thus, each episode of self-conviction has ended up in a reversal which simply renewed my certainty that the improvement of basic general education represents one of America's most critical problems.

Admittedly, the material which kindled my initial concern on this question was limited. It came from a relatively small group of Korean War veterans who became my students in a general education continuation class in the spring of nineteen hundred and fifty-four. All of these young men were quick witted and skillful in at least one craft or trade. In conversation and at work each gave every indication of something more than average intelligence. Yet, with only two possible exceptions, all of them were severely retarded educationally. At least three were absolutely illiterate and most of the rest functionally illiterate. When I reflected that this group of young Americans had grown up in a society which compelled school attendance to age sixteen, I leaped to the conclusion that something might be awry in our whole system of public education.

During the three years following the spring of nineteen hundred and fifty-four, I shifted my teaching efforts first to regular high school students and then to college freshmen and in the process gathered further direct evidence of something amiss in our educational processes. At the same time, a broader pattern of reading in periodicals revealed that my nineteen-hundred-fifty-four conclusion fell considerably short of precocity: Rudolf Flesch already was at work and soon produced his scintillating, controversial *Why Johnny Can't Read*, and several noted Americans had raised penetrating questions in public comments and published essays.

Of course, there was at that time considerable debate about the magnitude and seriousness of our educational deficiencies. Through the years since then the tendency to debate the magnitude of the problem has declined. Most people recognize that it is there and admit that it is very big, but not enough of us have ever recognized the full measure of the danger that it poses for our country's future. And it is that failure over a span of more than three decades that keeps fanning my evangelistic fervor to the verge of fanaticism.

Most of the time when I have crusaded on the subject in this corner before, I have presented some evidence and then invited our readers to make certain observations and thus ascertain the disturbing facts for themselves. However, by now the accumulation of fact and reliable inference provides summary figures of staggering proportions and frightful implications: In the United States of America, approximately twenty-five to twenty-six million adults are, for all practical purposes, completely illiterate, and another forty to forty-one million adults are functionally illiterate, or—if you prefer—*seriously reading impaired*.



**DREAMHOUSE**—The illustration "Dream House" by Susan Browne was one of several works by student illustrators recently on exhibit in the Biggin Hall Gallery.  
—Photo By Suzanne Gray

Those figures add up to a total of sixty-six million or so adult Americans who cannot read or write well enough to: (1) Handle their own business affairs competently. (2) Work productively at anything approaching their highest potential efficiency. (3) Or shoulder their responsibilities of citizenship with any clear notion of what the United States Constitution contains or what its underlying principles mean.

On a recent presentation of *Nightline*, Ted Koppel and a guest—whose name, rank, and serial number have eluded me—reviewed the figures above and came to the startling conclusion that approximately one-half of American adults are functionally illiterate, or *reading impaired*. After Mr. Koppel made that pronouncement and his guest concurred, my wife asked: "Is that possible?" and I responded: "Not merely possible, but painfully factual, on the basis of everything I have gathered from more than thirty years of studying and attempting to teach."

Hitherto, I have usually dealt with this subject with the hope of making some small contribution to promoting improvement in our public schools. But I have written this time with the fullness of a realization that has been developing for several years: We need to continue improving public schools and providing state-supported adult education as well, but state-funded institutions do not possess the resources to handle the adult literacy problems alone. It is time for the American genius for voluntary effort to come into full play.

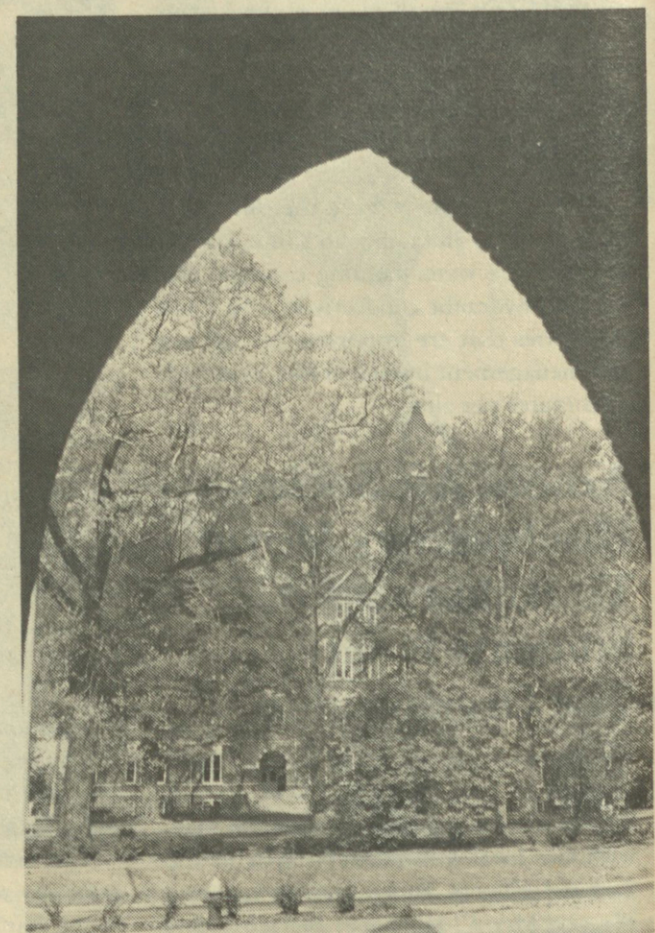
Some independent agencies have begun the fight already, and they deserve support in all the areas where they are operative. In other areas individuals

and such agencies as churches, civic groups, and human rights organizations need to enter the field.

At first glance, the task here proposed appears monumental, for—like some other idealists—I am suggesting an attempt to reduce the number of illiterates and functional illiterates from multi-millions down to no more than hundreds of thousands. But looked at from the perspective of our brother's keeper, the task becomes minimal. If half of us suffer from literacy problems and half of us do not, each member of the fortunate group will need only to raise one brother or sister to the level of literacy, and we will attain the magnificent goal of eradicating illiteracy.

Of course, a few of us will have to double up to cover for an occasional member of the literate community unable to assume his voluntary assignment. However, lest the number seeking excuses become excessive, let us note that formal training in education courses is helpful but not essential: No historical records exist to indicate that either Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, or Jesus ever attended an educational methods course.

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## Revivals Were Common as Collards in Lamar County

By Bob Sanders '52

I thought everybody knew about revivals. The other night, however, a relatively new member of the family was, I could tell, generally confused when we started talking about revivals, or protracted meetings, as they were called in frontier country.

The boy means well. There are just a lot of basic things he hasn't learnt yet. It's not his fault; it's his raisin' that's responsible. I can see how someone with an urban Irish Catholic background might not know about something that was as common as collards in all the Lamar Counties of the South. We, in turn, didn't have the foggiest about whatever his people did.

Pay attention, Patrick, me lad, and I'll try to educate you. You might want to take notes.

See, in my youth—and till this day, far as I know—there wasn't a Catholic church in the county, nor were there any Catholics (this may have changed now, with industry moving in and all) till one family moved to our town when I was in the third grade, I think it was. There was a heap of speculation about what kind of strange rites probably went on in their house. A Tibetan monk's religion would not have aroused more curiosity.

There were also no Lutherans, no Episcopalians, no Presbyterians. There was one Jewish family. They ran the biggest clothing store in the county.

What was there, you ask? Well, there were Baptists—Freewill Baptists, Primitive Baptists, and I reckon what you'd call just regular Baptists or Missionary Baptists. There were Methodists. There were what everybody else except the members of the denomination called Campbellites. I thought they were saying Camelites till I was grown; and, even though one of them was a close friend from the first grade on, I didn't realize they were different from regular garden variety Protestants till we came off to college together. Then I found out: On Sunday mornings when ordinary Jake's Jointers treasured the chance to get to sleep late, I mean until noon or so, that scutter would get up and go to church, every Sunday. Strange, we thought.

And there were also a few of what are commonly called "Pentacostal" churches scattered around. They were the ones who would get to shouting and "talking in tongues."

Paddy, you also need to know about the religious background of the thin-shinned lass you married. Of her four grandparents, two are devout Baptists, one was an indifferent Methodist, and the other didn't belong to any church, but was far more puritanical than any of the others.

Her parents come from the heart of revival country. Her mother went to the First (not to mention only) Baptist Church in town.

The revivals I grew up with were at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, of which my kinfolks on my mother's side made up a large percentage of the membership. It was, I would say, quite typical of rural Southern churches. It was one of the churches on Brother Vaughn's (kinfolks) circuit. We had regular preaching every fourth Sunday only.

But one special week every summer, along about laying-by time; it'd be revival time. There'd be two preaching services a day that week, one at eleven or so in the morning, and another one that night. It'd be hot and usually dusty, although the biggest rain in the history of that area occurred during one revival night meeting. There'd be a good many folks there at the daytime service, mostly women and kids. But at night, ah, everybody'd be there, plus maybe some visitors from the Oak Hill (the nearby Methodist church) and Shiloh communities. There'd be a visiting preacher, usually.

It'd be hot, even with all windows wide open. The



light, until I was sixteen or so, was supplied by kerosene lamps spaced out around the walls. There'd be quilts in the aisle for little children to sleep on. Dink Reeves' flatbed Chevrolet truck would be parked right by the south side of the building. Mutt Merchant and Duard Roberts and some of the other men would stay out on it. Cars and pickups (plus Cousin Bailey Boman's wagon and team—he was stubborn) would be parked all over the hillside.

Cousin Ed Finch would lead the congregation in a few songs, and the preaching would start. None of the fancy theology, thank you. The message was pretty easy to understand: If you haven't already, if you don't walk down this aisle and join this church tonight, you're gonna burn in an everlasting hell. Anybody could understand that. 'Course, the preacher would, drinking water and getting soaking wet with sweat, take about an hour to get that thought across, but that was basically it.

Then there'd be the invitation. "As we sing, won't you come? Somebody is almost persuaded. Come tonight...."

"Almost Persuaded" and "Why Not Tonight?" and "Jesus is Calling" and "Just as I Am" were favorite invitational hymns. We'd sing them, and then, "Just one more verse...." Sometimes we'd "one more verse" five or six times. And sometimes it'd work. On the bench where the kids were sitting, one would whisper, "I'll go if you will." "Well, I'll go if you will." And soon a couple or more would be added to the flock. Sometimes, when the revival week would really be getting down in the short rows, the last night or two of it, the preacher would come right to the bench where the youngsters were to plead with them. Now THAT would bring on some praying: "Dear Lord, please don't let him come to me. I won't cuss all next week. If you'll just spare me that ultimate embarrassment, I'll quit sneaking smokes. Please don't let him come over here...."

After he'd finally decided he'd brought in all the sheaves he could for that night, Cousin Otis or Cousin Mary would pray—a prayer that sometimes

would rival the sermon for length—and we'd file out into the relatively cool night air and stand around and talk a little bit and go home. And Mama'd say, "Didn't he preach a good sermon!"

Understand, there'd be more than just the preachings. It'd be kind of a semi-holiday week for most of us kids. 'Course the thangs had to be done, the slopping, feeding, milking, bringing in stovewood, and stuff like that. But there'd usually be time for some swimming at the bridge at Cousin Bailey's (where the baptizing would be at the end of the week) and some watermelon eating. And the preacher would get around to most of the families in the community at least once for dinner or supper (such cleaning and scrubbing you never saw).

In my memory there are good images and bad images of those days. A couple of bad ones: the children and wife of one good man in the community who had never seen fit to join the church tearfully hounding him outside after the service was over; and one particularly fire-and-brimstone preacher during a revival at Oak Hill (where we'd gone, truth be told, to see if we could pick up some girls after the service) who made such an impression that I to this day get bad vibrations just by passing by the building.

There are precious memories, so to speak, too. Bodies all over Dink's truck and hanging off the edges as he made the circle, picking up folks along the way and creating a dust storm; all the cousins in swimming. The patriarchs of the community talking about crops and fishing before the services. The pretty young girls in their Sunday best getting sweaty and dusty in spite of all they could do...

That's how revivals were. No tests to take, no catechisms to learn...just walk down the aisle and shake hands with the preacher and you were Saved. But that sometimes took a lot of courage. One young man on the fringe of the community, who was accused of being scared of something or other, said, "Scared, hell! I went down and shook hands with the preacher, didn't I?"



# Features

## Bob Word '55 Lists Alumni Building as His Number 1 Goal As Alumni President

By Kaye Lovvorn

These days higher education occupies a large portion of Scottsboro businessman Bob Word's time.

As president of the Auburn Alumni Association and chairman of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE), Mr. Word frequently finds himself heading toward Auburn or Montgomery. Not that his personal and business interests didn't lead him in this direction often anyway, but now he devotes two or three days a month to ACHE meetings and then spends portions of other days on the phone making ACHE arrangements. While his position as president of the Auburn Alumni Association isn't as consuming, it often requires letters and phone calls and brings him to campus frequently. Since his election at Homecoming, he's been here for meetings of the Alumni Association Board (February and May), the Auburn University Foundation Board (April), and for graduation during which he welcomes the newest members of the Alumni Association (December, March, and June).

When Mr. Word became president of the Auburn Alumni Association last fall, he'd already been chairman of the Commission on Higher Education for almost a year, and he will conclude his second term in December. His tenure as ACHE chairman has come during hectic times for the Commission, as Alabama institutions of higher learning have faced a Justice Department suit, and the state has been ordered to come up with a desegregation plan. Currently both ACHE's plan and that proposed by Gov. George Wallace are being considered.

Mr. Word views ACHE as "a coordinating agency rather than a governing agency. We don't want to tell the Board of Trustees at any of the institutions what they should do," he explains. "They should run their institutions; but there should be some coordination of all institutions of higher education in this state, and I think ACHE is a good body to do that. It's either ACHE or a board of regents. And, generally, I don't think any of the institutions want a board of regents who would certainly tell each institution what they would do and how they would do it. ACHE doesn't want that responsibility, but we do feel an obligation to see that there's logical growth. Every institution, as we all know, is going to further its own cause—and rightly so—but it's up to ACHE to temper these requests for programs and use the best judgment of the Commission staff to give some guidance and direction as to where higher education goes. Take, for instance, these requests for another pharmacy school, another law school. This state doesn't need those programs and we can't afford them. We have more schools than we can justify now, so ACHE needs to give leadership



**ALUMNI PRESIDENT**—Robert D. (Bob) Word '55 of Scottsboro has a number of goals to accomplish as president of the Auburn Alumni Association. Number 1 among them is an alumni building to give the Auburn Alumni Association both space and an identity.

—Photo by Ruth Schowalter

and try to hold down some of this—to use an over-used word—proliferation."

As the president of the Auburn Alumni Association, Mr. Word has specific goals for his term. At the first meeting following his election, he appointed committees to consider the dues program of the Alumni Association (*See story on p. 22*) and additional ways that members of the board could serve the Alumni Association and the university. But the top priority on Mr. Word's To Do List for his tenure as alumni president is an alumni building.

"Of course, preliminary plans for a building started last year under Buddy Weaver's leadership," explains Mr. Word. "But getting that building is my number one priority. I really want to see an Alumni Association building in existence. After talking with the members, I think this whole alumni board is dedicated to getting that building. Besides the alumni staff's needing space, which it desperately does, the Auburn Alumni Association needs an identity of its own. I would bet that 90 percent of the students on this campus could not tell you where the Alumni Association is located."

For more than thirty years, the Auburn Alumni and Development Offices have been in the Union Building. The space which housed the Alumni Association in the Fifties and Sixties is now the office for the director of the Union Building. The Alumni and Development Office spread out downstairs in the old University Bookstore and its storage rooms and then overflowed to former student organization and meeting rooms on the third floor.

Mr. Word has seen alumni facilities on many university campuses and is "particularly familiar with the University of Kentucky Alumni Association because of my

association with Jay Brumfield, who was at Auburn for ten years. I can see what their association has done and the facilities that they have had for many years. I want the same kind of thing for Auburn."

Historically, the Auburn Alumni and Development Office has been a strong supporter of building projects for the university and has put its own needs on the back burner, explained Mr. Word. "I believe it was in 1913 that the Alumni Association first decided to build a building, and some of the powers-that-be felt that rather than the alumni building, they needed the gymnasium. So the Alumni Association joined in the fund drive and contributed something like \$15,000 out of the \$50,000 for the gymnasium, and the next year the old Alumni Gym was dedicated."

A second attempt at an alumni building in the late Forties also went the way of the original one, when the Alumni Association joined student efforts to secure a building for their activities and hence put money into the construction of the Union Building in which the Alumni Association Offices are located. Mr. Word believes that any effort the Alumni Association makes toward its own building will not detract from its efforts in support of the university, but the opposite. Adequate facilities and an identity for the Alumni and Development Office should make it "easier to assist the university in fundraising efforts."

Other goals Mr. Word has for his tenure as alumni president include more alumni participation. "I know we have an excellent record of alumni participation, but we can do better, particularly with the younger alumni. For instance, I think having the alumni president say a few words of welcome to the new alumni at graduation is an excellent idea. I don't really mind the

seven-hour drive here and back to make a four- or five-minute speech, because I think it's important."

As a member of the board of the Alumni Association for a two-year term in the early Eighties, a former president of the Jackson County Auburn Club, a member of the School of Business Advisory Council, and as a member and current chairman of ACHE, Mr. Word brings an unusual perspective to his position as alumni president. Mr. Word's priorities for the Alumni Association coincide with those of Executive Director of Alumni and Development Jerry F. Smith '64 and carry further some of the projects which Mr. Smith and former Alumni president Earl F. (Buddy) Weaver, now an ex-officio member of the board, had begun. One of those projects is the improvement of faculty/alumni relations. In addition to inviting the faculty chairman to address the alumni board at its February meeting, Mr. Word hosted a luncheon meeting of board members and faculty senate officers in May.

A frequent traveler and an avid Auburn football fan, Mr. Word has maintained a close relationship with several of his Auburn fraternity brothers and other friends from college days. But his favorite occupation is waterfowl hunting.

"We're fortunate in having pretty good duck and goose hunting in and around Scottsboro," he says. "I have a goose field and a duck pond. I really enjoy that. I used to go to Canada quite a bit for duck and goose shooting but I haven't gotten up there recently." Always an active member of the Jackson County Auburn Club and president "years ago," Mr. Word has been involved in a club which has pioneered recruiting academically talented students for Auburn. Although several Auburn clubs recently have been inviting high school juniors with ACT scores of 25 or above to meet with Auburn representatives, the Jackson County Auburn Club has been doing something similar for many years. "We invite the top 10 percent of each of the classes in the county to lunch and have someone from Auburn in to talk to them," he explains. Interested in what other Auburn clubs are doing, he participates in Auburn Club meetings whenever possible, attending, for instance, a meeting in Orlando in February, working it around a visit with a friend and a trip to EPCOT Center.

A member of the class of 1955, Mr. Word graduated from Auburn in textile management in the School of Engineering, although he's never worked in the area of his degree.

"For years my father and I were in business together. We had an industrial vending business that grew out of a popcorn business and theatres. We ended up selling the businesses and leasing the theatres. I've always been interested in real estate development," Mr. Word continued. He has built a number of commercial buildings as well as subdivisions and now spends most of his time managing them, which he explains is the reason he's "fairly flexible and able to take days off to do Auburn and ACHE work."



Mr. Word and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children, Don and Emily, both Auburn graduates and following in their parents' footsteps. "Emily was a KD and Don a PiKA, just as their mother and father," comments Mr. Word. After graduating from Auburn in 1981, Don attended Cumberland Law School and is now with a Birmingham law firm. Emily graduated from Auburn in 1983 and her husband, Jack Moody, is a third year medical student at UAB. "Both our children decided to marry last summer," said Mr. Word, "and they married within six weeks of each other, Don in August and Emily in September." Like Emily's husband, Don's wife, Fran Hogg, also attended Auburn.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Word grew up in Scottsboro. "We were in the first grade together," he laughs. "We have a picture of us standing with a teacher, and Elizabeth was taller than me." Unlike her husband, Mrs. Word attended the University of Alabama, where she graduated in May before her husband, "a thirteen-quarter man at Auburn," as he explains it, graduated in August. So she came to Auburn for the summer to get her teaching certificate while he completed his coursework. "I have always accused her of getting her degree at Alabama and her education at Auburn," he teases.

To an extent unusual in college friends after 25 or 30 years, Mr. Word and a group of Auburn friends have stayed close. They frequently travel together to fish in the Gulf, ski in Colorado, or attend Auburn activities.

"A unique little group of us were in school together. When we were seniors in 1955, our fraternity won what was called the Smythe Award, which is the outstanding chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha in the United States. We really had a great bunch of guys and eight or ten of us remain very close. We visit with each other all during the year and we get together in Auburn for football games and whatever. Herb White, even though he was not our fraternity brother, has always been one of this group."

An incident at the class picture of the

reunion of the Class of 1955 indicates Mr. Word's devotion to that special group of Auburn friends. When the photographer lines alumni up on Ross Chemistry Building steps for class pictures, he does so on the basis of height—the tallest members of the class in the back row, etc., where Mr. Word's more than six feet should have put him. However, he repeatedly turned up in the middle of the middle row. After ignoring several attempts to keep him on the back row, he explained that if we'd just let him stay on the same row with his friends, he'd bend at the knees so he wouldn't be too tall. And he did—through each of the ten or so shots that are made, through changes of cameras for black-and-white and the back-up shots that are made just in case the main camera malfunctions—straightening up only briefly between shots to relieve his cramped legs.

## An Auburn Success Story, Or How Auburn 'Took A Hick And Made Him Into An Oxford Don'

By Ruth Schowalter

Dr. George M. Reed '67, a soon-to-be Oxford don who researches methods to make computers see better, grew up in Jefferson County, the third generation of coal miners. Places and people matter to him, and no matter how many times he's been to Paris, Prague, and Warsaw, and no matter that he's now at Oxford, he still has strong feelings for Alabama, as his parents live in Birmingham and he earned all three degrees in mathematics at Auburn University. While remaining modest about his success, Dr. Reed, known to his Auburn friends as Mark, acknowledges that his achievements are a result of his upbringing and the uniqueness of Auburn's Math Department.

"My mother saw education as a way of



**THANKS TO THE MATH DEPT**—Dr. George M. Reed, who becomes an Oxford University don next fall, achieved all three math degrees from Auburn. During his student days he formed close ties with the math faculty to whom he credits his successful math career, and he returns to campus often as Math and Physical Sciences Advisory Council member and to visit with colleagues and mentor, Dr. Ben Fitzpatrick '52.

—Photo by Ruth Schowalter

keeping me out of the coal mines," says Dr. Reed, whose father went to the mines at 13 and retired at 67. "I was very poor, but I had everything I wanted," he says of a childhood that he describes as idyllic. He remembers a civil war prison in the woods by his house where he played often: "I had a real fort all to myself when I played cowboys and Indians. I couldn't imagine a better place to grow up."

"My parents could not help other than give encouragement. What I got from them, particularly my mother, was that I could do anything I wanted to do; and I believed that. It never occurred to me that if I wanted to do something, I couldn't do it."

In high school geometry he discovered a fondness for math and spent leisure hours

"playing geometry." However, it took him a while to determine exactly how this interest should be directed towards a career. His high school teacher suggested engineering. "I had never heard of a real mathematician or a research scientist professor; it was just not in my experience."

He signed up to study electrical engineering at Auburn, but after a week of pre-engineering orientation decided that he didn't want to be an engineer. "I was more theoretical," he says of the disposition that led him to major in physics for the next couple of years. During his junior year he finally found himself when he studied topology in a math course. "It was what I was looking for all the time; it just took a long time to find it."

### 'My mother saw education as a way of keeping me out of coal mining.'

Auburn University is particularly memorable to Dr. Reed because of Dr. Ben Fitzpatrick '52 who "is the best teacher I've ever seen," and continues to be "perhaps my favorite human being," he says of the math professor. The Auburn campus Dr. Reed loves today is one inextricably bound with his first impression of the campus in the Sixties. "I came from a place where there was no access to books, and I read a lot on my own. Auburn was my first exposure to education; and I saw it in a very romantic nature. It was sitting around playing folk songs," he says of the early Sixties "things were loosening from the Fifties but not antagonistic yet."

The importance of other people, however, is a topic he cannot stay away from long when talking about his love for Auburn. In fact, he sees a similarity between Auburn and Oxford in this respect. "What I like about Oxford is the notion of the community of scholars—it really truly is that, which is what graduate school was like here to me. It was a bunch of people working and competing and then going out



**AN AUBURN FAMILY**—Alumni President Robert D. Word '55 and his wife, Elizabeth, are pictured with their family following Mr. Word's election at Homecoming. From left are the Words, their son, Don, and his wife, Fran, and their daughter, Emily, and her husband, Jack Moody.



and drinking beer and celebrating when one of them beat the other. My fondest memories are of sitting on Ben Fitzpatrick's floor doing mathematics on the back of a napkin with a bunch of students. That was graduate school to me."

## **'Auburn was my first exposure to education; and I saw it in a very romantic nature.'**

Dr. Reed also feels fortunate in having selected Auburn, as it turned out that his affinity for topology coincided with the presence of a coterie of recognized topologists in Auburn's Math Department. "I could not have gotten a better education," he says, "nor a better exposure to world mathematics. I got into the old boy network in world topology as well as anybody from Princeton, Harvard, or Stanford. By being here, I had drunk beer with every major mathematician in my field before I ever got a degree."

As a graduate student presenting a paper at the first national meeting he ever attended, he was ushered about by the best. "I had breakfast with the president of the American Mathematical Society and tea with the president of the Mathematical Association of America—two of the most influential people in the field. I had that introduction because they knew Ben Fitzpatrick and the topologists here," and he did postdoctoral work in Prague, Paris, and Warsaw as a result of being admitted to the "club."

There was a moment of indecision in his firm commitment to the world of mathematics. "When it came time to go to graduate school, I had a hard decision to make—to either go into English literature or mathematics. I wanted to be a writer; and I had taken Madison Jones' creative writing course several times, once for credit and then every time he taught it." In addition to enjoying the atmosphere of telling stories late at night in Samford Hall, he saw the rigors of writing similar to those of math. "You sit down with a blank sheet of paper and create something that isn't there. You build a structure and make it consistent. It was the same logical exercise with creativity that attracted me."

Although he was in the States in April for the twentieth annual topology conference held in Louisiana, and visited Auburn because "I probably have more friends in Auburn, Alabama, than anywhere else in the world," he also came to Auburn to voice his concern to President Martin, Academic Vice President Brandt, and Acting Department Head Kribel, about the prospective administrative changes to be made in the Math Department. He believes that, if the department is divided into two separate departments as planned, the damage will be irreparable.

"As far as I can interpret their plans," says Dr. Reed, who is a member of the Mathematics and Physical Sciences Advisory Council, "they want to build a division of mathematical sciences that will be oriented towards bringing in huge amounts of government grants. There is nothing wrong with bringing in grants, but that is not a true measure of a mathematics department. That is not what it meant to me or other people who came through here. They are changing the nature of the department. There are two groups of people now who

won't speak to each other—it's a divided department. They are taking what was once special and turning it into a standard, medium level department. It was once much better than that."

The Auburn training that he so values and desires to preserve for others propelled him into an exciting profession, one that keeps him traveling not only world wide, but also one that takes him into the far recesses of the imagination. "If you really want a computer to see," he says, "you've got to have parallel processing. A computer with one lens can't hope to see, so you need a thousand little computers all looking, somehow looking at the same time, and you must get them to reason about what they are doing. That's very difficult to do," he says, explaining that it is a use of "very abstract topology" and that "it is more art than science in a sense, because it's truth and beauty in a pure form."

## **'If you really want a computer to see, you've got to have parallel processing.'**

His stint at Oxford began in January 1984 when he went there as a visiting fellow. Since then, he's been both lecturer and student, earning a doctorate in computer science. His desire to "spend some time" at Oxford, says Dr. Reed, occurred "on the spur of the moment," while watching *Brideshead Revisited*. He turned to his wife, Joy Newberry '67, whom he met at Auburn where she was also earning three degrees in mathematics, and told her he was going. Also at the time he was taking his daughter Renya, a National Merit Scholar, to see Cornell, Princeton, and "all these fancy, beautiful schools. I thought, 'why should you have all the fun? I didn't get to do this.'" So they both went off to college—Renya to Johns Hopkins; he to Oxford.

The duties that he will assume as an Oxford don this fall are quite different from those of an American professor. At Oxford he has essentially two positions; one is a university position, for which he will provide 32 lectures during two of the three eight-week terms. Undergraduates may attend these lectures as they wish, but the lectures are directed toward graduate students. He is also a fellow of Jesus College, which means he will host six hours of tutorials a week. "Which is what they call teaching," says Dr. Reed. "It means that I will have about two students at a time in my rooms for a little sherry and we will talk about the week's work."

## **'What I like about Oxford is the notion of the community of scholars.'**

Oxford students are advanced in many ways when compared to Auburn students. For instance, students who major in computer science at Oxford must know calculus and computer programming language before enrolling at Oxford, as such service courses are not taught, according to Dr. Reed. "The average there is far, far higher than the average here. If I take the top two or three people in class at Auburn I would never teach anyone worse than that at

Oxford. On the other hand, I wouldn't teach anyone better, either."

Dr. Reed describes every evening meal at the college as a "dinner party," and these dinner parties enhance the sense of the academic community. The dons meet at seven for sherry, are introduced to guests, and then, dressed in academic gowns, march to the high table down a dining hall where students stand in greeting, he says. A Latin prayer begins a four-course meal, cooked by the college's Italian chef. Wine glasses overflow first with white wine, then with red. Another Latin prayer concludes dinner, and the dons withdraw into another room for dessert. At Jesus College this room is the oldest free access library at Oxford dating back to the 1500s, "It is a beautiful, long, narrow room with a long table set with silverware and fruit and cheeses."

At this table, seating arrangements are made with care to ensure that no one sits contiguous to a person whom he sat by at dinner, "the result being that you maximally mingle." Port, Maderia and sauterne are served. Afterwards, everyone moves to a room where there is coffee, a spread of cigars, and cognac and brandy. "This goes on every night of the year—all free, if you are a don," says Dr. Reed. "Each college is different, of course, so you invite each other to the different colleges. So, as you go around, it's like having twenty to thirty first-class restaurants which you can partake of anytime you wish."

In addition to the food, Dr. Reed especially appreciates the conversation. "On any given night the person on my left might be in philosophy, the person on my right in chemistry or art. You can't talk about your subject. When a particular thing happens in current events, you have discussions with people who are experts."

Not only are his colleagues impressive, but so are the students who exhibit social sophistication at the meals. "A student who is 19 or 20 will talk to the person on his right, his left, across from him, making casual conversation, using eighteen forks exactly right, and discussing wine, the opera in London, and the play that week at Stratford Theatre. By the time he leaves, he is a gentleman and a scholar."

Able now to recognize the "tremendous advantage" such an environment provides, Dr. Reed says it's easy to let yourself be intimidated if you don't have a similar background. "I remember when I was first exposed to those people, I was overwhelmed—you can feel like a bumpkin. Not because they are more intelligent, but because they've had an environment which has taught them certain graces that you can obtain, if you don't get overwhelmed. Nothing stops you from learning that; it is easy to learn. It is hard to avoid the intimidation. I remember when I got my master's and went for an interview, we were all put up in New York, and most of the people from Princeton, Harvard and Yale were so sophisticated, they could order taxis on Fifth Avenue and wore dinner jackets to dinner. It was a different world from mine. I said, 'it will take me a while, but if that's the game we've got to play, then I'll learn how to wear that uniform and how to play the game.'"

The cultural advantages of Oxford go beyond the camaraderie shared in the pedagogical chambers and at the dinner table. On a list distributed daily "there will be some twenty to thirty movies, five or six



Associate Editor  
Of Constitution  
Remembers Her  
Auburn Days

By Mike Jernigan '80

When Cynthia Tucker informed her parents that she was considering changing her major from pre-medicine to journalism following her freshman year in college, her mother took it all in stride.

"You're nosy and you like to run your mouth," she replied, "so you ought to be a good reporter."

Ms. Tucker's mother was right, at least in the assumption that her daughter was choosing the right profession. The 1976 Auburn graduate was recently named associate editor of *The Atlanta Constitution*, one of the largest and most prestigious newspapers in the South.

Prior to assuming her new post, Ms. Tucker worked for *The Atlanta Journal* for four years covering county beats, city hall, and the Georgia General Assembly. From 1980 to 1982 she worked on the news staff at the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and before returning to the *Constitution*, she spent six months traveling through Africa writing a series of freelance articles for both papers.

All this is pretty heady stuff for a small town girl from Monroeville. But Ms. Tucker has always had a pretty good idea of where she was going with her life. Her late father was a junior high school principal and her mother was and still is an English teacher in Monroe County. Though they didn't push her toward any one career, Ms. Tucker remembers that her parents convinced her she could succeed in whatever she tried.

"My parents were supportive of whatever I wanted to do," she says. "My father never told me that girls can't do this or that."

Her strong sense of self-confidence led Ms. Tucker to attend Auburn to become one of the first black students to graduate in the journalism program.

"I wanted to go to a school where, if I made it, I could be sure I had made it on my own," she recalls. "I didn't want any special help or special favors. I think I understood that you don't get any special favors in the



Cynthia Tucker '76



BRICKING UP THE PAST—Nicholas A. Pappas '51, second from the right, foundation architect at Colonial Williamsburg, and his staff atop the bricks used for reconstruction of the Public Hospital. —Williamsburg Foundation Photo

working world, and I wanted to be prepared for that.

"The Journalism Department was a very relaxed place and all the professors knew the students," she continues. "Being the only black student in some of my large lecture classes took some getting used to, but I never felt like an outsider. Personally, I think I thrived on the environment. Auburn was good for me."

And Ms. Tucker was good for Auburn. She wrote for the student newspaper, the *Auburn Plainsman*, and served as a War Eagle girl. She also excelled in the classroom to the extent that Jack Simms, who had Ms. Tucker as one of his first students after becoming head of the Journalism Department in 1974, remembers her as "one of the top fifteen students we have had in my twelve years at Auburn."

With credentials such as these, it didn't take Ms. Tucker long to land the job she wanted in Atlanta. She had appointments to interview with both the *Journal* and the *Constitution* for her first job, but the *Journal* hired her before she could go on to her second interview. It was her dream come true.

"I wanted to write for a big city daily, preferably in Atlanta," she recalls. "I planned to use journalism as a stepping stone to becoming a fiction writer of the 'great American novel'."

Things haven't turned out that way exactly, but Ms. Tucker says she couldn't be any happier with her new job. In fact, her latest goal is to one day become a syndicated columnist and have her byline in hundreds of papers. She is already well on her way, having received the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists' 1984 Award for Excellence for editorial writing.

"I'm certainly not disappointed with the way my career has worked out," Ms. Tucker notes. "I can't think of anything I'd rather do than to spout off and get paid for it. Being an editorial writer and columnist had never really occurred to me, but I was

in the right place at the right time to get the opportunity and I am certainly enjoying it."

### Auburn Alum Revives The Past Through Architecture at Williamsburg

By Mary Mason '86

"So that the future can learn from the past," a motto John D. Rockefeller, Jr., selected for Colonial Williamsburg, is used by Nicholas Pappas '51 to explain the philosophy of Williamsburg Foundation. As Foundation architect, Mr. Pappas has a strong love for the Eighteenth Century architecture and the restoration project at Williamsburg, the largest restoration project ever attempted in this country, and one which continues today.

Of the restoration projects at Williamsburg, Mr. Pappas believes "our definition of architectural history is changing. We are trying to get more naturalistic." Prior to this new movement of authentic restoration, projects were the Eighteenth Century as seen through the eyes of the Twentieth Century. Mr. Pappas says, "preservation is a complex situation because we have the Eighteenth Century with an overlay of the Twentieth Century restoration which began in the 1920s." He continues, "history was preserved at Williamsburg in a state we would have liked it to have been. That's the kind of impression you would get because everything is so neat and pristine and beautiful. Now we realize it could never have been that way in the Eighteenth Century. Williamsburg was perceived to turn the town into the Eighteenth Century but 50 years later we look back and any restoration done in a particular period can say a lot more about the period in which it was restored than the period it is trying to restore."

An example of our misconceptions can

be seen in the landscaping project Mr. Pappas is currently undertaking. In the Eighteenth Century, the trees which presently exist along the streets would have been cut down and used as fuel or building materials. There is also no documentation that planting around the house existed in the Eighteenth Century, but was a result of the 1930's and 1940's restoration. Experts now believe planting was purposefully kept away from the house because it harbored insects and animals. To be more authentic, the boxwood clumps on either side of the door may gradually be removed, but the trees will remain. As Mr. Pappas says, "you can't go 100 percent. We won't cut down the trees because we need them today. We also need the paving, lights, and other Twentieth Century necessities."

Of the present restoration projects, Mr. Pappas says, "we are aware that another layer of history is added and we don't know exactly how the future will think of it. We see a responsibility to preserve what we can so the future can make that decision. We are establishing guidelines now that we won't change any of the architecture even though we sense that it could not have been that way in the Eighteenth Century, but we don't know what it was like. We are short on documentation. Things like landscaping and painting are reversible. At any point you can put back those things, but you can't put back the architecture due to its superb quality of construction and design. It is a dilemma because our charge is the Eighteenth, not the Twentieth, Century."

"Everything done in the past generally started for a very good reason, a practical reason, and eventually became a stylistic feature. If we look into these things and think about why they were done, they can teach us a lot about what to do with buildings at present. We as architects have created so many of our own problems by concentrating on design and not the fabrication of the building," Mr. Pappas continues. "The builders in the Eighteenth Century knew buildings would collect dirt so they used cornices which inhibit dirty



rainwater from running down the face of the building." He contrasts this practicality with the High Art Museum in Atlanta. It "looks like a beautiful sculpture sitting out on the green grass in a photograph, but it's made of white porcelain enamel with flat surfaces which collect dirt, and the rain just washes down the facade and streaks dirt."

Mr. Pappas believes the Colonial Revival Movement, which started in Philadelphia with America's Centennial, set the wheels in motion for America's interest in the Eighteenth Century. "Williamsburg is the manifestation of the Colonial movement which became so popular," he says. "It made the whole movement national, and you had little Williamsburgs popping up all over the place. Had this not happened, a lot of the restoration that has happened today wouldn't have. It all builds up." He believes this movement influenced "painting, literature, decorative arts, architecture, history, genealogy, and saving houses of historic figures."

Mr. Pappas, foundation architect for three and a half years, is charged with maintaining the authenticity of the historic area. "I used to say everything that doesn't move is in my jurisdiction until I found out a few months ago that the carriages are under me," he explains. "Nothing is changed unless it crosses my desk." He is also responsible for re-interpreting the evolving philosophy of preservation. For example, a new tavern will be opened at Williamsburg but, first, a thorough research process must be completed. All the Eighteenth Century taverns in Virginia and Maryland, totaling about twenty, will be researched to serve as a guide in recreating the tavern's interior at Williamsburg, which was altered when it was converted into a residence.

Williamsburg, which Mr. Pappas believes is the "background in which people went from being British to American," contains approximately 699 buildings from well heads to college buildings. About 100 buildings are rented to employees and Mr. Pappas lives in the Ludwell Paradise House. "All the buildings are my favorites in one way or another" he says, but admits he has a special attachment to his own home. It was the first building bought for restoration and is an odd structure for the Eighteenth Century. The front portion is two stories but the back is one story, which is a unique Eighteenth Century structure.

Mr. Pappas' love of history began at Auburn in his architectural history classes taught by Dean Turpin Bannister. Mr. Pappas remembers Dean Bannister as "a very scholarly man, who was a firm believer in knowing the past, that the past shapes the future and you must know the past before you can step into the future." Although Dean Bannister "cultivated an interest" for history, Mr. Pappas admits to still being a modernist while in college and cites Le Corbusier as one of his models.

April 10, 1986, the date of Mr. Pappas' first trip back to Auburn, was almost 35 years to the day after his graduation in March 1951. He visited Hargis Hall, which was the architecture building when he was at Auburn, and says "it was a rude shock to walk in that building and see what they've done to it." He remembers the three-story building behind Hargis where design labs were taught and also a one-story building which "had a wonderful mural in the pediment which was done by a pre-war class and had a picture of all the class members. I

always wondered what happened to that."

While in private practice in Washington, D.C., Mr. Pappas became involved in preservation because he realized, "all my old friends on the street were being replaced by things that weren't nearly as good." When there was a threat to tear down the old post office building, he became actively involved by joining "Don't Tear It Down," a group he calls, "the first sophisticated preservation organization in Washington." The group picketed in 1971 to save the building, and Mr. Pappas believes they served as a "catalyst for re-thinking the decision. It went to the heart of the matter and discussed things with the people controlling the demolition. Picketing is a reaction in a lot of places, but that's too late. People should become involved before the bulldozers come, talking to the people responsible and convincing them to change their minds. They should be educated on the value of what they have." After his involvement with the post office, people began coming to Mr. Pappas about old houses and buildings, and the latter part of his private practice was spent working with older buildings.

A member of the Association for Preservation Technology, the Society of Architecture Historians (which was started by former Auburn Architecture Dean Turpin Bannister), and the Virginia Preservation Alliance, Mr. Pappas is a dedicated preservationist. His philosophy on preservation and his work at Williamsburg continue America's architectural legacy.

## A Favorite Prof: Ed Williams Gets Auburn Spirit

By Richard Lofton '86

Backed by seven years of quality newspaper experience and the caring attitude of an educator, advisor, counselor, editor, and

friend, assistant professor of journalism Ed Williams plays an important role at Auburn, and he plays it well.

Mr. Williams, 32, was recently selected as one of the 12 winners of the 1986 National Teaching Award for Graphics Design. The award, presented annually to outstanding instructors of newspaper design, is sponsored by the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, the Society of Newspaper Design, and the American Society of Newspaper Editors. In conjunction with the award, Mr. Williams was awarded a fellowship to the Poynter Institute this summer in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he will study newspaper design and techniques for improving the teaching of design and graphics to journalism students.

Mr. Williams came to Auburn in 1983, and since his arrival has developed excellent rapport with the students he teaches, as well as the journalism faculty. Stephanie Hunt, a journalism student and assistant news editor of *The Plainsman*, said Mr. Williams "comes close to being a colleague, but he is still above us. He makes you think of ideas yourself, but he guides you to find them on your own and shows you where to look for them." Tommy Wofford, a journalism major and *The Plainsman* business manager, added that Mr. Williams makes sure he gets the information across in a way that every student will understand. Journalism Department Head Jack Simms also had praise for Mr. Williams. "Ed is a very valuable addition to the faculty, and we enjoy having him on our staff. He has a lot of valuable experience, and he teaches our makeup and layout class, which is one of the most important classes in the Journalism Department." Mr. Simms added that if he could mention one derogatory thing about him, it would be that he received his degrees from the University of Alabama.

With a B.A. in communication in 1974 and an M.A. in communication in 1976 from the University of Alabama, Mr. Williams admits he receives a lot of kidding about being an Alabama graduate: "People

always ask me before the Auburn-Alabama game who I am pulling for. I just smile and make them wonder." Most people don't know that he grew up an Auburn fan, and that he went to Alabama because he wanted to go to law school. "My father [Edsel Williams '50] and my sister [Susan Williams Chapman '71] graduated from Auburn," he revealed, "so I came to Auburn with some pretty strong ties." After graduation, Mr. Williams worked as news editor and reporter for *The South Alabamian*, a weekly newspaper in Jackson. His first year there, the paper received the Alabama Press Association's first place award for "general excellence." From 1977 to 1979, he was the state editor and a staff writer for *The Montgomery Advertiser*, where one of his stories was named the "Best Spot News Story" by the Alabama Associated Press. In 1979, he became editor and general manager of *The Brewton Standard*, a weekly newspaper in Brewton. In 1981, his last year in Brewton, the paper received the Alabama Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest Award for "Most Improved Newspaper." From 1981 to 1983, Mr. Williams was the editor and general manager of the *Andalusia Star-News*, a five-day daily newspaper in Andalusia.

At Auburn, Mr. Williams' duties include teaching classes in beginning news writing, newspaper makeup and layout, and newspaper style. Along with teaching, he is the faculty advisor for *The Auburn Plainsman*, the student newspaper, which has a circulation of 18,500.

Mr. Williams applies his newspaper experience to his teaching philosophy in the classroom. "I see myself as an editor in the classroom," he explained. "Students will write news stories, and I will change from a teacher to an editor." He added that he believes his experience helps to better prepare students. Melanie Hiatt '85, now a staff writer and entertainment editor for the *Sand Mountain Reporter*, has high praise for Mr. Williams. "Ed was a great teacher, and he has the advantage of being young, which enables him to identify more closely with his students. He had worked for newspapers and knew what it was like. I wish I had known in college what I know now about how important makeup and layout is. I didn't like the class, and I thought it a waste of time, but I ended up learning a great deal." Melanie values Mr. Williams as a friend, and routinely calls him from her job to ask him for his advice and to thank him for encouraging her to learn by showing her the class' importance.

Mr. Williams' teacher-editor role carries over into his work at *The Plainsman*, where he is called Ed by most of the *Plainsman* workers, drops the professor image, and is considered by students as more a friend than teacher. "I will look over their shoulders, but I will not interfere. I think the students respect my news judgment and want my advice. I think the relationship is built on trust, and if you don't have trust, it's hard to work together."

When Mr. Williams is not in the classroom or *The Plainsman* office, there is a good chance he can be found with a fishing pole in his hand. Proudly displaying a photograph of himself and a five-pound bass that he caught, he talked about his love of fishing and exhibited characteristics of a true fisherman when asked where he liked to fish. "We fishermen never disclose our locations," he joked. "When I ask others where they fish, they usually avoid the



**HELPING STUDENTS LEARN**—Ed Williams assists journalism student John Myers in his makeup and layout class. Although students frequently dread the class, they find it valuable later. Mr. Williams is one of 12 winners of the 1986 National Teaching Award for Graphics Design.

—Photo by Russ Austin



question by replying, a pond." Mr. Williams is also a charter member of the Andy Griffith Rerun Watchers Club, which has 8,000 members, and is headquartered in Nashville, Tenn. Bumper stickers such as "Goover says hey," "Nip it in the bud," and "I'd rather be watching the Andy Griffith Show," line the walls of his office. He has seen every episode and has most of them taped. "I have at least 100 hours of them taped," he said, "and I never get tired of watching them." He also has an *Andy Griffith Show* file, where he keeps newspaper clippings and magazine articles.

Ed Williams believes in the Auburn spirit and has a concern for preparing qualified students to represent Auburn University in the business world. A thought from one of his students may sum it up best: "Ed Williams combines a background of practical journalism experience with a flair for teaching that works in the classroom. His strongest quality is that he doesn't talk down to students, but sees his role as teacher-editor." The student added that although the grade he received didn't make him too happy, Mr. Williams had set standards for his class to meet and he held to those standards.

## AU Dance Theatre Attracts Talent From Many Fields

By Sonja Baucom '86

Many Auburn football players dance with joy after scoring touchdowns on the field, but probably few have actually considered the dance as an art form or for further study. However, the Auburn Dance Theatre (ADT) has a former football player in its midst as well as graduate students, nursing, physical education, public relations, and theatre majors. Despite their diversities, the group performs together as a whole under the tutelage of Artistic Director Dottye Ricks.

The dance theatre is a nonprofit organization formed in 1976 to promote the opportunity for dance study, composition, and performance. Another goal of the members of the program is to stimulate the interest of the community in dance as an art form. So far, the theatre has been under the leadership of four directors; Phyllis Penney, Sondi Feldmaier, Michelle Pugmire, and, currently, Ms. Ricks.

According to Ms. Ricks, who received her degrees in dance from Northwestern, Texas Women's University, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the ADT is composed of approximately 50 members, including faculty and students. Despite the fact that the group has no formal dance major for the program, she rates the dancers highly. "We have a lot of talented individuals," Ms. Ricks said. "I think choreographically, we rank head and shoulders with the University of Alabama in Birmingham, and in modern dance I think only the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa has a better program, but they have a dance major there."

Being a member of the ADT means lots of practice hours. Ms. Ricks said she works with the ADT about 20 to 30 hours a week. When performance time looms near, she is aided by former director Feldmaier and local dancer and teacher Heather Millar. But she has also expanded the diversity of



**UNIVERSITY DANCERS**—Members of the Auburn Dance Theatre pose in an unusual place. Usually, they can be found rehearsing at the Memorial Coliseum for one of their upcoming performances. Clockwise from left to right are: Cindy Williams, Cheri Freeman, Donna Smiley, Mike Daughtry, Sharon Wainwright, Jane Masterson, Hef Daniel, Karen Jones, Walter Grandy, Renee Campbell, Kathleen Howard, and Yvonne Sommers.

the troupe by engaging a guest choreographer, Mark Dendy, who directs his own dance company in New York.

"I brought down a choreographer from New York to set a piece for the company, a modern piece, which gives variety and depth to the program," Ms. Ricks said. "It gives the dancers a chance to work with someone who is right at the forefront of modern dance in New York City."

The ADT performed two Dendy pieces in its faculty/student show in March. One dance, "Game," has been described as a "power-driven, non-stop dance that incorporates rhythm, kinetics, and vocal sounds into a military structure." On stage, the dance lives up to its description, telling the tale of a promising football player drafted into the Army. It follows the young man, played by former football player Dave King, from his basic training to his eventual death. The tragedy is further enhanced by the presence of his family on one side of the stage, quietly speaking of their precious son, wondering when he will be able to return home for a visit. Cirrus Gundlach, Heather Millar, and Roy Reynolds played the young man's family.

Another presentation, "Rock," shows Dendy's concept of human race memory, primitive instincts, and ancient movements. The dance featured Madolyn Anderson, Hef Daniel, and Mike Daughtry with Renee Campbell, Melinda Capozzi, Ellen Killough, Dave King, Janet Wood, Gina Womack, and Jill Yaskin.

"It was quite an experience," Ms. Ricks said. "It was so much hard work. The choreographer, Mark Dendy, was so demanding that if you had any weaknesses in your body whatsoever, they showed up."

The faculty/student concert is one of two local productions. "Usually there are two major performances each year. One has been a faculty/student concert, where the choreography is primarily by myself, Sondi Feldmaier, and Heather Millar," explained Ms. Ricks. "The second one is a student faculty concert where there are more student pieces."

"In the student choreography, you see shorter numbers, more experimental kinds of pieces that are maybe not as developed

or they aren't the length of the ones you see in the faculty concert. We really try to do in-depth, well-crafted pieces for the faculty concert and experiment more with the student concert," Ms. Ricks said.

In the past year, the company has begun touring, performing at various locations in Alabama including Talladega College, the Anniston Civic Ballet, and the Opelika Public Schools. In May, the group performed in Huntsville, opening the city's Panoply for the Arts. They also danced in the city of Auburn's recent sesquicentennial celebration.

Despite its busy schedule, the up-and-coming dance company finds itself operating on a negative budget. Currently, the company is \$750 short of breaking even after paying the bills for the last spring performance in March. In an attempt to balance their deficits, the ADT has instituted a fundraising effort to seek interested parties willing to "be an Angel" by financially supporting the company. "Anyone can join, and of course the donation is tax-deductible," Ms. Ricks said. Gifts can be made to the Auburn University Foundation and designated for the Auburn Dance Theatre. Angel memberships range from \$25 to \$99. Eagle memberships are \$100-\$299, and Silver Eagle memberships are \$300-\$499. Golden Eagles are for donations of \$500 or above.

Because of the lack of funds, the ADT presented its May 9 and 10 spring concert at the ADT studio in the Memorial Coliseum. Previously, the company had been able to rent Telfair Peet Theatre on campus for its performances. But cramped space doesn't deter company members from doing what they love—dancing.

"In addition to their classes, my students work anywhere from eight to 10 hours a week. They are rehearsing three to four hours for each piece they appear in," Ms. Ricks said. "Their weakest areas are in classical ballet; they need more of the strict, pure discipline, but they are quite good at jazz and modern ballet."

And, although they may not be classically disciplined in dance, the students are dedicated nonetheless, often forsaking social activities in order to rehearse and push

themselves to go just a bit further today than they did the day before.

Dave King became involved in the ADT when a friend on the football team, Jimmy Warren, urged him to try out. Today, he is one of the best dancers in the company, with an unbelievable ability to elevate in a jump, Ms. Ricks said. "Dancing helps me to learn about myself and my personality and about working with other people," David said.

Both Tish Tully and Melinda Capozzi agreed that the people in the company make dancing special to them. "I really enjoy the personal rewards I get out of dancing with the other people," Tish said. Melinda added her thoughts, "It's like a fraternity or sorority. There is a lot of variety in the group."

Roy Reynolds, a physical education major, and Joseph Macon, a general business/theatre major, pointed out that training was another beneficial aspect of dancing in the company. "I transferred from Alabama State University and rehearsed with Dottye, then joined. David King has been very instrumental to me, he is the person I emulate," Roy said. "Right now, I need more training in ballet," he added. Joseph said, for him, creativity was the most important thing. "Before I started with the ADT, I felt stifled, I had no creative outlet," he said. "This is fun, plus, it gives me the outlet I need."

But for dancer Hef Daniel, dancing is not only an outlet, it has changed the direction of his life. The English graduate student joined the ADT originally after taking a ballet class. "I saw it as an opportunity for further training," Hef said. Not only did he receive that training, but he has also currently auditioned and been accepted for further study at the North Carolina School of Arts this fall.

Although dancing may not be for everyone, these dancers feel all the work and frustration is well worth the effort. The group hopes to continue to grow, adding to Auburn's image as a well-rounded university.

## Foy Union Desk Plays Vital Role At Auburn

By Karen Price '88

"Foy Union. Will you hold, please?" If you have ever called the Foy Union desk on a quest for information concerning Auburn, perhaps you were greeted by the familiar salutation that most Auburn students know. The desk's phone number, 826-4244, is synonymous with the word "information."

The requests for information cover a wide variety of topics: telephone numbers, area entertainment, TV viewing schedules, classes or professors to take, and campus building locations. In addition, calls from alumni span the country. "We get a lot of calls from alumni about football tickets or good places to stay while in Auburn. Sometimes they can't get information on Auburn sports scores in their part of the country, so they'll call and ask us," says Paul Batson, a student desk manager, who is a senior in materials engineering. "People ask some real strange questions sometimes," adds Paul.

Jose Ochoa, a senior in marketing, gives one example. "One question we used to get



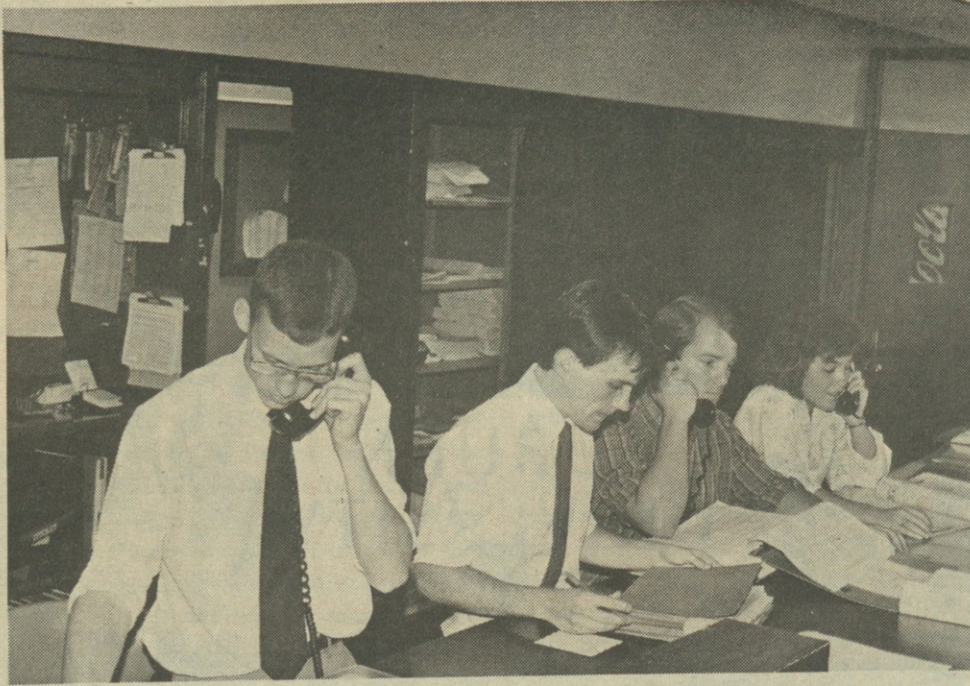
a lot when the Batman show was on was 'How many miles is it between Gotham City and the Bat Cave?' The answer is 14." Stephanie White, a junior in marketing who has just started working at the desk said, "I had someone call the other day to ask 'What is the difference between a jigger of liquor and a shot of liquor?' I didn't know, so I asked someone." For just such questions, the managers keep the Black Book handy. It contains trivial tidbits about a vast array of subjects.

For example, do you have any idea how many dimples are on a golf ball? It depends on which brand of ball is being considered—a Titleist has 384, but a Wilson has 432. The book also includes such things as a list of the Seven Wonders of the World, a list of the Twelve Days of Christmas, the names of Snow White's seven dwarves, the toll-free phone number to the White House, the number of bricks and windows in Haley Center, and the types of chimes in Samford Hall. An atlas, a dictionary, and a Bible are also kept within easy reach.

Lowell Ledbetter '57, the director of Foy Union, explains that these unusual measures stem from the policy that the reply "I don't know" is unacceptable when addressing someone's question, even when the question has no obvious answer. The desk managers "should always try to find out what is needed—to exhaust all possibilities," Mr. Ledbetter says. Common courtesy is also stressed, along with being aware at all times when people might need help. Sherrie Carlson, the assistant manager of administration for Foy Union, explains that just because a group of 300 meets in one room doesn't mean that another meeting with only 10 people is any less important.

But Foy Union's desk managers perform a more involved role than answering phones. Their responsibilities extend beyond the desk to include the security of the Union Building, supervising the recreation room, locking the Eagle's Nest atop Haley Center, showing movies in the Langdon Hall auditorium, and running the Tiger Stop, a convenience counter which is a recent addition, selling drinks, candy, pens, pencils, and personal hygiene articles.

Mr. Ledbetter sees the security of the Union Building as an important part of the desk manager's job. Periodic building checks



"MAY I HELP YOU?"—Answering the phones constantly, the Foy Union Desk managers also ensure the security of the Union Building and extend warm greetings to visitors and alumni of Auburn. Pictured here from left to right: John Chaney, a junior in general curriculum-history; Scott Cook, a senior in economics; Paul Batson, a senior in materials engineering; and Susan Sullins, a junior in psychology.

—Photo by Ruth Schowalter

during the day ensure the safety of the equipment and furnishings housed in Foy Union. Mr. Ledbetter says, "We are trying to take care of the carpet, furnishings, and even the draperies, because the students' money bought these items, and I see us as stewards of the students' funds." The managers are responsible for keeping the rooms locked when not in use, and one student is in charge of making sure the building is completely secure before closing each night.

But the desk's most important job involves public relations. In many cases the only contact off-campus visitors or returning alumni have with anyone on campus focuses around this desk. "Sure, we answer the phones a lot, but I think public relations is our most important job," says Jose. People sometimes form an opinion of Auburn University based solely on how they were treated by the students at the Foy Union desk. "We try to emphasize that the managers be on the lookout for people who appear confused," Ms. Carlson says. "Since a lot of meetings are held in Foy Union, people come into the lobby with the look of 'Am I in the right place?' on their faces. When the managers greet these people in a friendly way, the visitors at least know

where they can ask questions if needed."

So how are students chosen for a job which requires so much responsibility? They are carefully screened during the interview, according to Mr. Ledbetter. Students must demonstrate that they possess a friendly personality and an automatic ease in working with people during the short period of the interview. Ms. Carlson adds, "We are the first to admit that we ask a lot for \$3.35 an hour. Many demands are placed on the Union Building, and students must deal with many different types of situations involving faculty, students, staff, and off-campus visitors." Stephanie remembers her recent interview as one of the nicest she'd ever had. "Sherrie told me all about the job and what would be expected of me. She seemed like she just wanted to make sure I had time for the job and was comfortable working with people."

Mr. Ledbetter chuckles when asked if many students apply for the desk manager job and replies, "Yes, we have a lot of applicants, and I think many of them see the job as being prestigious. But then when they get here and see the mundane things they have to do, it is not quite as prestigious as it was before." He adds, however, that almost all the students think the experience invaluable. "A lot of them write back to say how much they appreciate the experience of working with people and having to assume responsibility, especially in cases when people were doing things they weren't supposed to." For instance, alcohol is expressly forbidden anywhere on campus, yet some people wish to bring alcohol into Foy Union to be served at meetings or banquets. In these situations students must be assertive and firm, yet tactful. They also need to know the chain of command and be able to realize when they should call someone if they can't handle the situation.

The information desk came into being in 1954 after the construction of the Union Building. It started with two phones and has grown to four. An original desk policy ruled out sitting down on the job, says Dennis Drake '69, a former desk manager who now works as a counselor with Career Development Services here on the Auburn campus. "We were sort of like a fraternity within ourselves since we all worked together. And girls didn't work at the desk, either."

Forty people work at the desk now, twenty-three regulars and seventeen substitutes. During the first quarter of employment, a student must work as a substitute. The regulars choose their hours first, with the substitutes working the remaining hours. "That is not as bad as it sounds," says Stephanie, currently a substitute. "Most of the time, the hours left over are just ones which didn't fit into anyone else's schedule. That doesn't necessarily mean that the hours are bad to work."

Three students work behind the desk at a time, but things still tend to get hectic. "The busiest time is in the afternoons between 12 and 3," says Jose. "That's when people go home from class and start making plans for the evening, so they need phone numbers." In addition to answering the phones, the desk managers must also satisfy the constant flow of people who walk up to the desk asking questions or wanting to purchase an item from the Tiger Stop, or needing rooms unlocked. The desk is covered with a vast assortment of bits of paper which contain information, as well as huge books of student telephone numbers to be sifted through when looking for specific answers. Mr. Ledbetter says, "We hope one day to put all our information on computer. But right now, according to three different computer companies, we are doing a better job now than we could with computers."

When asked what they like most about the job, the students' answers vary. Jose likes meeting people and staying informed. "It does get boring sometimes," he adds. Stephanie also likes meeting people, but she rates the flexible hours as an added benefit. "It is real convenient to work between classes." Paul thinks the job is "fun as long as you have a friendly personality. It does get exhausting, though, and it is really funny when I start answering my own phone with 'Foy Union, may I help you?'"

## Humorist Greeted With War Eagles Across The Nation

By Ruth Schowalter

In small towns and big cities alike, War Eagle whoops fly from the audience when Jeanne Swanner Robertson '67, humorist and National Speakers' Association president, is introduced and her alma mater named. As a professional speaker who makes 150 speeches 10 months a year to educators, businessmen, teenagers and numerous other organizations across the nation, Jeanne never fails to meet up with Auburn alumni. Instances such as finding an orange and blue flower arrangement on a hotel room table in Waco, Texas, and being given a warm handshake in New York City in recognition of Auburn University, have convinced Jeanne that Auburn stays alive in people's minds, and the memory is one they like to recall and share with those who have been there. On a recent trip to Auburn for a family wedding, she took the opportunity to muse over some Auburn memories herself.

Becoming a humorist did not happen magically, but was an approach to life a twelve-year-old in Graham, N.C., began to cultivate when she grew to be 6'-2". She



**TIGER STOP**—Making customers happy is the goal of students who work at the Union Desk and Stephanie White fills the request from a fellow student for an item from the Tiger Stop. The Tiger Stop is the newest service of the Union Desk offering soft drinks, snacks, stationery and personal grooming items.

—Photo By Karen Price



summoned her sense of humor the summer she was thirteen and went to visit Auburn relatives. (Her ties with the university and town of Auburn are well and irretrievably made—the McAdory Large Animal Clinic was named after her great-grandfather, Dr. I.S. McAdory; her mother, Cora Lipscomb, was of the clan of Lipscombs who own the Lipscomb and Toomer drugstores; and her father, Jim Swanner '39 from Luverne, attended all four years at Auburn on a track scholarship and later taught in Auburn's engineering school.) On the trip to Auburn, Jeanne's parents prepared her for the remarks that would be made by astounded cousins, aunts and uncles, and grandparents who hadn't yet seen her precocious and unusual height.

## Becoming a humorist did not happen magically...

"Daddy and Mother knew that everybody was going to say 'My, how you've grown.' So they had me jump out of the car on our arrival and say 'My, how I've grown.' Nobody had anything to say, because I took their line. They were just totally stunned," Jeanne remembers. "Childhood was just great."

Her parents taught her to accept the things she couldn't change. "Being 6'-2" would be a liability for any woman. I've turned it into an asset." When it was time for college, a tall, confident, and happy eighteen-year-old came to Auburn because she had been brought up "not knowing there was another school" and "didn't apply anywhere else." Her feeling of self worth, tempered with a sense of humor, made her an Auburn personality.

"Everybody got ukuleles or Ouija boards for Christmas," says Jeanne, remembering her freshman year when her parents gave her a ukulele and she started writing songs. Inspired by the curfews and other restrictions placed on Auburn coeds, Jeanne, who had surprised her sorority sisters by becoming the "first girl ever to become a freshman senator," composed a song poking fun at the establishment. "Who Wrote the Rules?" quickly became a popular song, and she played it from dorm to dorm for girls who sang along and thought they were being sneaky, until one day Dean Katharine Cater asked Jeanne if she would play it at the woman's convocation. "I almost died," says Jeanne.

She played for Dean Cater, then for her uncle's Rotary Club, then for students at Foy Union, doing stand-up routines between songs to make up for the lack of singing talent ("People pay me not to sing."). She played her ukulele on the way to becoming Miss North Carolina and at the Miss America Pageant where she placed 49th for talent only because the girl who came in 50th played the comb. "I feel like that's how I got started in speaking," says Jeanne, who had to speak three to four times a day as Miss North Carolina. "I developed a reputation for being humorous," a reputation that kept offers for speaking engagements coming after she returned to Auburn her junior year.

However, once back at Auburn she did not receive nominations for calendar girl, Miss Auburn, or any other beauty queen competitions. Her Alpha Gamma Delta sorority sisters, says Jeanne, "thought it was hilarious" that she had won any sort of glamour contest, but this did not disturb



**HERE SHE IS**—Her business card reads "A Tall Speaker With A Tall Sense of Humor." And Jeanne Swanner Robertson '67, who stands six-two in her stocking feet, does have a great sense of humor, one that keeps her traveling two to three times a week nine months of the year, spreading her messages of how anyone can keep humor in everyday situations.

—Photo by Ruth Schowalter

Jeanne, as she was in agreement with them. "We had the type of sorority girls who were gorgeous, the kind of women other girls see and say 'Gosh, she's just real pretty.' I was not one of them. You get pegged and put into a role—I was chairman of the basketball intramurals and organizer for the shuffleboard games."

And that she was. Some of her best times at Auburn were intramurals. Jeanne "played everything," and the sport she liked most was basketball. Although they "weren't supposed to," the girls had a basketball team (they weren't even "supposed to practice everyday") and would occasionally sneak to competitions at other schools. "We would be so hungry for games that we would go to Troy State, play in the morning, have lunch, and play a second game in the afternoon." In addition to being a water safety instructor, Jeanne umpired girls' softball, and remembers her surprise when, at the first game she umpired, the girls' boyfriends started yelling at her that she was blind. Needless to say, this was an occasion to call on a sense of humor.

## 'People have this mental picture of a PE teacher as masculine.'

Girls like Jeanne who majored in physical education had to fight certain stereotypes: "People had this mental picture of a P.E. teacher as masculine," she says. The physical education professors "preached to us, 'Wear skirts.'" Jeanne, however, seemed to exempt herself from stereotypes. She dated boys of all heights, wore flat- or high-heeled shoes—whatever the event called for. She was named Sweetheart of Theta Xi fraternity and had to miss the formal in order to attend the Miss Graham Beauty Pageant—a contest that the Graham Jaycees had wanted her to attend since her high school days and one that sent her on to win the Miss North Carolina title.

Although Jeanne kept busy flying back to North Carolina "practically every weekend" to speak her junior and senior years,

she recalls that her schoolwork was manageable because she took light loads, budgeted her time well, and was doing better than her sophomore and freshman years when she "barely eked by." The professors Jeanne admired most were Prof. Jay Sanders, who taught the history of cinema, because he made classes interesting, and Jeanetta Land, whose strictness and discipline ("she didn't give you an inch") commanded Jeanne's respect.

When asked by those Auburn alumni she meets at banquets what it is she remembers of the Auburn campus, Jeanne answers with a simple description. "For some reason it always comes back—walking home to the dorm in the twilight of the day from Alumni Gym by the Union Building and going by Dean Cater's office. P.E. majors never finished at two o'clock; we always went until five or six; we were always practicing. That was a pretty time of day, and I was hot and tired—everyday, over and over."

After Jeanne graduated and was teaching high school P.E., she continued to speak and "was thrilled when someone would give me \$50 to come to a banquet." In 1976, Jeanne tossed in her coaching whistle for good and picked up the microphone to speak as a pro. Today, she earns anywhere from \$2,500 to \$5,000 plus traveling expenses for one evening's entertainment. And, as president of the National Speakers' Association, she plays an important role in setting ethics for a profession which is predominantly male.

"The time was right," says Jeanne, referring to her ability to participate in activities previously considered the privilege of men. "It was the right time. Women before us would have done the same thing. When asked by people if she gets fewer bookings because she's a woman, she replies, "I get so many because I *am* a woman." And she thinks as she ages the demand to hear her speak will increase. "The corporate people who book me to speak wouldn't have touched a twenty-one-year-old beauty queen. What could she tell them? Yesterday I spoke to a group of 1,200 educators for two hours in Alberta, Canada. What

could a twenty-five-year-old tell educators for two hours? My goal is—if you don't want to hear me now, hear me in five years."

## '...if you don't want to hear me now, hear me in five years.'

As her ambitions are endless and her engagements numerous, it helps that she and her husband, Jerry, have offices in their home, she on the first floor with assistant Toni Frank Meredith '64, he two stories up. Not only that, Jerry helps her as she composes her speeches (Jeanne thinks every speaker should come up with his or her own material). "Jerry has the strength of being able to say, 'these four stories illustrate this point,' " to "recognize material that is funny." And he keeps her on track for the corporate audiences, whose time must be spent wisely and for whom "being funny isn't good enough."

"Our family is real close," says Jeanne, "but I don't think each member has to see each other all the time to be real close." Her son, Beaver, is a sophomore at Randolph-Macon in Richmond, Va., on a basketball scholarship, and Jerry, who is an investor, keeps busy. "Jerry has always said, 'Your family is number one, but we are always really careful not to ask you to put us number one. I know that I'm more important than your career, but seldom do I make demands that put your career second.' That works in reverse," Jeanne says.

What is it about Jeanne that makes her a successful humorist, one who has to turn down speaking engagements? "Some God-given timing. As a humorist you need that. You can take one story and let two people tell it—one puts 'em in the aisles and the other gets nowhere. Some people have musical ability, some can paint, and for some reason, I have this talent. Second, I'm a hard worker. I like what I do, but we're talking about sixteen hours a day minimum. I thrive on what I do, almost too much, probably. But Jerry and I are in this together, so it makes it fun."

## 'I thrive on what I do, almost too much, probably.'

There is a big difference between a humorist and stand-up comedian, says Jeanne. "The corporate market I'm going after wouldn't touch a stand-up comic. They don't want someone who comes in and tells off-color stories and throws four-letter words at them. They want someone who can cleverly use humor to illustrate some points. I have to work on that very hard. People honestly think you sit down at a typewriter and write the first draft.

"Now with my style being 'down home and southern,' people think I'm just talking to them, but it's really well planned. Just about the time I have you lulled into thinking this is fun and games, I come back and throw cold water into your face with a message, and you like it. You like being treated like you're so clever that you can get the message."

Jeanne has three messages she wants to get across. "My number one message is to accept the things about yourself that you can't change. I think I'm a walking example of that. So I can make people laugh a long time with my funny stories of being tall. What I'm really saying is, I've accepted it."



Jeanne regales her audience for 15 to 20 minutes with stories of people in difficult situations to help them see that it pays to recognize the humor in unpleasant situations. "Slowly the audience begins to see the results a person can get by seeing the humor in it. We spend much of our energy and our efforts trying to defend ourselves, when who caused things is not important—how we react is."

"The next thing is to see humor in every day. It doesn't always jump out at you. Either you have to make it yourself or be on the lookout for it." Jeanne recommends that everyone take a humor break. "It never ceases to amaze me that we take coffee breaks, go down the hall to get refreshed, listen to four people complain about their office work for 15 minutes, and go back to work more wrought up than when we went. Whereas, if you could pull out a little group of humor cards, you could laugh for 15 minutes instead. Everyone knows funny stories."

## 'Not many joke books on the market have a woman's eye.'

Jeanne's first book, *Platform Professionals: Keep 'Em Laughing*, will be distributed in July. Written with three other humorists—Robert Henry, Doc Blakly, and Joe Griffith—the book contains 2,000 stories, explains a variety of styles with which to tell them, and makes suggestions to those who want to be humorous. "Not many joke books on the market have a woman's eye," says Jeanne, explaining that the four of them had to agree on each story to be included in the book, and that she had gotten "offended" by the number of jokes about women. "Why is it that a woman or wife must always be the butt of a joke? Why not a husband or teenager?" asks Jeanne, who says she's never thought of herself as a feminist, and still doesn't. They changed some jokes and included a women's lib section, which in turn caused her male collaborators slight discomfort.

Jeanne's visit to Auburn was brief, but she'll be back. She moves fast ("I always have a lot of things on fire."), acts as she sees is right, and feels good about what she does. "I'm just having the best time," she says. "I'm fascinated that there is a career in this, and there sure is. There are one million paid speeches given in the U.S. each year, and this does not include the Rotary ladies' nights and graduations." Unlike celebrity speakers, professional speakers like Jeanne cannot rely on personality alone, they must really have something to say. "We darn well had better be good," she says. "The only reason someone asks Jeanne Robertson to speak is to do the job."

## Engineering Alumni Advisory Council Supports College

By Mary Mason '86

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This feature is the fourth in a series on Alumni Advisory Councils and how they support the different Auburn colleges and departments.

The purpose of the Auburn Engineering Alumni Council as stated in the charter is to "provide support in the continual devel-



**NEW MEMBERS**—New members are pictured at their first meeting of the Alumni Engineering Council. Seated are C.W. Swader, Jr., '55, president of Birmingham-based Steward Machine Co., Inc., and Sabert Oglesby, Jr., '43, president of Southern Research Institute, also of Birmingham. Standing from left are James Kirk Newell, III, '66, manager of Engineering Services Systems Controls, Inc., of Birmingham; Jesse D. McGill '58, division engineer with Alabama Highway Department, of Alexander City, and, welcoming them to the board, Engineering Dean Lynn E. Weaver.

opment of the College of Engineering of Auburn University. This support is in full recognition of the desire and need for the College of Engineering to maintain programs of excellence and a posture of leadership in engineering education."

Prof. Edward Jones, assistant dean in the College of Engineering, is secretary for the council. He points out that the council members serve in an advisory role to the Dean of Engineering and interact closely with students and faculty. At all meetings, a report from the Engineering faculty council and the Engineering student council updates the council members on faculty and student activities.

In turn, the Engineering Advisory Council monetarily supports the university and the student council, as well as provides two engineering awards. Most of the student support is used for E-Day, a day high school students are invited to Auburn to get a firsthand look at the engineering program. The two awards are the annually-presented Distinguished Auburn Engineer Award, given to William F. Land '46 in 1985, and the Ben Gilmer Award, which is presented occasionally for unusual contributions to engineering. The award was presented in February to Admiral Ken Mattingly '58.

The following members, past and present, responded to questionnaires about Auburn and advisory councils.

Dr. Hugh M. Long '47, Auburn's first Rhodes scholar, believes Auburn provided him with a "very good basic education in science and engineering, with a strong emphasis on the humanities. This has allowed me to move easily in the broader business world." He writes, "the relatively isolated academic community which focused my attention as a student to academic matters, the land-grant background, and Auburn's location away from, but not isolated from, a population center" are significant.

Dr. Long feels the "present moves to provide a fitting physical plant for the engineering college should be increased.

The future administrations should be more even-handed in their support of the various faculties, but should realize that excellence in some is better than mediocrity in all. Auburn has an historic technical mission which should be preserved."

Dr. Long remembers working on the *Glomeratas* of 1941 and 1942 with "much satisfaction," the cake race, and ROTC parades on Saturday as a "spectacle to a farm boy."

Dr. Long views advisory councils as "another window to the working world that Auburn's graduates will enter, a window that is sympathetically critical." He became involved with the Engineering Advisory Council to "help keep Auburn strong technically."

A graduate of Oxford University where he received his Ph.D., Dr. Long is manager of marketing for Enhanced Energy Systems, Inc., in Newbury Park, Calif. A consultant in cryogenics and superconductivity, he is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the American Physical Society, American Association for Advancement of Science, and the New York Academy of Science.

Rodney L. Grandy, Jr., '55, senior vice president of Exxon Chemical Co., is a member of the Chemical Manufacturers Association and the Chemical Industry Association. He and his wife, Geneva, have six children.

Mr. Grandy writes that Auburn "has been a very definite plus in my development as an individual." He enjoys the "very friendly Southern environment" of Auburn and the "demands it places on the students in the classroom."

Agriculture, engineering, veterinary medicine, and technical schools are listed by Mr. Grandy as Auburn's strong points, along with "good, strong faculty" in the above-mentioned areas and the "small town location."

Because of his "strong interest in helping Auburn further itself," several friends nominated Mr. Grandy to the council. He believes the Engineering Advisory Council

is a "very strong sounding board for advice, change, etc. It is an effective alumni voice in working with the school administration and the State." Mr. Grandy also serves on the University of Illinois at Chicago Advisory Council.

Howard E. Palmes '60 of Birmingham believes advisory councils "help to keep the school in closer touch with the outside world, therefore it tells you more of what should be taught." He writes Auburn gave him a "good, solid education in the technical sciences." He views the School of Engineering as Auburn's strong point and would like to see "more funds directed to the School of Engineering."

Vice president of corporate affairs for South Central Bell, Mr. Palmes is chairman-elect of the Engineering Advisory Council and senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. He attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University in 1985.

Mr. Palmes and his wife, Shirley, have three daughters.

Julian Davidson '50 of McLean, Va., is vice president of Booz-Allen & Hamilton, chairman of the Air Force Studies board, director of Chopp Computer Corporation, Inc., and a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Mr. Davidson lists the "congenial atmosphere and school spirit" as Auburn's strong points. He became involved with the Engineering Advisory Council "due to an interest in Auburn" and believes councils "make contributions to academic standards."

He and his wife, Dorothy, have four children, including Janice Peyton, who obtained a master's in biology from Auburn in 1986.

Kay W. Slayden '57 of Atlanta is president and CEO of PGA Tour Properties, Inc. He is also a director of Charter Medical Corp. and Morrell Corp. He and his wife, Nancy Murray '56, have two children.

Auburn's "athletic program, reputation as a friendly and spirited student body, and sound academics" are significant to Mr. Slayden, who is a director of the American Junior Golf Foundation. He believes advisory councils "bring business objectivity to the academic environment."

Jerry Vandegrift '48 could "write a book on my memories of Auburn. After leaving the Air Force in WWII, Auburn was a tremendous experience. Looking back, I was in too big a hurry to get out and go to work. I would like to go back to school and enjoy some of the experiences that I cut short." Mr. Vandegrift sees "the professional character of Auburn's staff, the determination to excel, and the alumni who are committed to action when they understand the need" as Auburn's strong points. He would like to see "the pay levels of the professors compete with private industry."

On advisory councils, Mr. Vandegrift writes, "the perspective of industry for higher education is needed by the educational institutions to keep these institutions as dynamic as the changing needs of industry. Industry depends heavily on the educational institutions for quality graduates. The advisory council recognizes this and becomes an advocate for the specific school to the administration to ask the right question and to challenge both the industry and the institution to jointly recognize issues and develop realistic solutions."

Mr. Vandegrift is director of system



planning for Southern Company Services. He and his wife, Dean, have three children. He was also a volunteer consultant to a hydroelectric project in Zaire for the Medical Benevolence Foundation.

**William Stephens '66** of Montgomery lists the "friendliness and attractiveness of its people and the atmosphere of the campus and community" as Auburn's strong points. He believes there should be a "greater emphasis on academics relative to athletics."

A graduate of Harvard Law School, Mr. Stephens is general counsel for Retirement Systems of Alabama. At Harvard he studied National Security Policy in the Graduate School of International Studies under Dr. Henry Kissinger. He has served as attorney for the State Ethics Commission, the Secretary of State, the State Personnel Board, and other state offices and agencies. He is a member of both the Alabama and the Montgomery County Bar Associations, serves on the board of directors for the Boys Club, and is an officer and coach for Dixie Youth Baseball.

**Jack W. Boykin '61** of Montrose is president of Wesley Industries, Inc., and chairman of the board for Wesley Water Chemicals, Inc. He and his wife, Lois Anne, have two children.

Chairman of the Engineering Advisory Council, Mr. Boykin believes the "cohesive nature of the students and faculty" make Auburn strong, although he would like to see "better technical support facilities for students (lab equipment)." He believes advisory councils "primarily give industry immediate access to the particular schools." Mr. Boykin also serves on the Research Advisory Council.

His memories of Auburn include Dr. James Land, who "propelled my career in the chemical industry more than any other individual. Because of his precise instruction methods and requirement for absolute detail, I learned enough about chemistry in one course to build three companies."

**Tom Espy, Jr., '58** attended Auburn because it was the "best engineering school in Alabama, costs were important and reasonable, and, as a kid, Auburn was all I knew." He believes Auburn's strong points are the "professional programs and feeling of loyalty among alumni and students." Areas Mr. Espy would like to see changed are: "more funds should be in engineering to ensure excellent facilities, excellent labs, and outstanding faculty; more scholarship grants given to students who are top in leadership and scholarship; make the offers in the fall instead of the spring, as most top high school students make their college choices by Christmas."

Mr. Espy received his MSCE in 1961 from Georgia Tech. He believes the "lab facilities at Auburn are not as good and the faculty at Auburn isn't as prominent;" however, he writes he would still choose Auburn for undergraduate study.

Mr. Espy became involved with the Engineering Advisory Council because he felt he could offer "experience to the engineering school. Since I work for the Alabama Highway Department, I felt that Auburn and the department could mutually benefit from my involvement." He feels advisory councils "support the dean and the students in matters of concern to them, i.e., purchase of lab equipment, employee interviews; availability of members for seminars; and they keep Auburn up-to-date on procedures and equipment."

Memories of Auburn include the "out-

standing 1958 football season, 1958 graduates which now comprise much of the leadership in the Alabama Highway Department, and Prof. Chase of Civil Engineering who started the Auburn Highway Conference. After 26 years, it's one of the nation's oldest and best attended highway conferences and one of the largest seminars now hosted by Auburn."

Mr. Espy is chief engineer for the Alabama Highway Department. He and his wife, Ginger, live in Montgomery and have two sons, the youngest an Auburn freshman.

**Gordon B. Kinsey '49** is president and general manager for Ebbert & Kirkman Co. The company specializes in sales and manufacturing of engineered specialty systems for medium and large industry throughout the Southeast. He is a member of the Alabama Society of Professional Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers, and the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers. He and his wife, Helen Hamilton '49, live in Birmingham and have three children—Richard W. Kinsey '72, David C. Kinsey '80, and Janet M. Kinsey '85.

Mr. Kinsey feels Auburn has been a "definite asset" in his career success and has "provided many opportunities as I progressed up the professional ladder in larger corporations and also in this corporation I now own." The "small college town atmosphere and the friendliness of the campus and entire City of Auburn" are significant to Mr. Kinsey.

He feels Auburn's strength is in "the many varied courses of education that Auburn offers and the close proximity of being located in the center of the state." He feels that "each school should carefully review all professors and instructors and weed out the ones who definitely do not have Auburn at heart, for those wanting to continually do the best they can for the school."

On advisory councils, Mr. Kinsey writes, "they are a great asset to the dean of that particular school and the president of the university. Many times we can act as intermediaries in important decisions involving the school and the university and serve as a sounding board to each of the above gentlemen."

Mr. Kinsey's memories of Auburn include Prof. Ed Jones of the Mechanical Engineering Department, and he writes "when I attend important civic functions throughout the state I am continually meeting former classmates who have become successful."

Past members of the Engineering Advisory Council are also encouraged and continue to attend meetings and support Auburn's engineering program. Several, listed below, responded.

**James E. Ray '47** is president of Botts and Ray, civil engineers in Troy. He believes advisory councils "can and do study internal affairs and make recommendations to the schools, faculty, and administration."

**William R. Poor '51** of Birmingham believes "academics and alumni support" are Auburn's strong points. He is manager and senior vice president of the pulp and paper division of Rust International Corp.

**Jesse Lee Martin '63**, manager for engineering methods at Southern Company Services, believes advisory councils give "input from an outside source. He joined the advisory council because he "loves Auburn and engineering and wants to give



**ENGINEERING COUNCIL OFFICERS**—New officers of the Alumni Engineering Council pictured at a recent meeting in Auburn, are, seated left, Jack Boykin '61, chairman, president of Wesley Industries, Inc., of Montrose; Charles M. Jager '56, immediate past president, president and CEO of Triple J Corp. of Helena, seated center; standing left, Secretary E.O. Jones, assistant dean for academics; standing center, Vice Chairman Howard E. Palmes '60, vice president of corporate affairs for South Central Bell, Birmingham; standing right is James S. Roy '57, past chairman and executive board member and sales manager with ACIPCO Steel Products Division of American Cast Iron Pipe Co. Seated right is Engineering Dean Lynn Weaver.

back a little to those who gave me so much." We can also help focus on a bigger picture than just the campus, education, and internal interest." He writes the "training and faculty encouragement even after graduation" affected his career success.

**Ray D. Bass '59** is the State of Alabama Highway Director. He believes "individuals who serve on advisory councils are able to give an 'outside' perspective to their school. Expertise learned through 'on-the-job' training can be shared with students, giving the student more knowledge than he would get from just class."

**James B. Saxon '57** would like to see "improved state funding for maintenance and laboratory equipment, reduced faculty load in the School of Engineering, a reduction in faculty of non-U.S. origin in all schools, increased faculty-undergraduate involvement, and equal emphasis on the quality of instruction, as compared to research." Mr. Saxon is plant manager of Anderson Plants for Square D Company in Leeds.

**Frank M. Malone '28** believes Auburn "helped mightily in turning a simple farm boy into an industrial success." He is retired after 43 years with Bell Systems, where his final job was chairman of the board for South Central Telephone Co.

**M. Leroy Spearman '43** is senior technical specialist for NASA, Langley Research Center. Mr. Spearman believes advisory councils "aid in providing broad perspectives of current and projected training requirements." His memories of Auburn include Prof. Robert G. Pitts whom he says, "has a special place in my memory as a person who was always ready, willing, and able to advise, consult, and assist for almost any need."

**Philip W. Lett '44** thinks advisory councils help to focus on "increasing the quality of education and to provide support in acquiring the resources required for the growth and development of the university." Mr. Lett is vice president of research and engineering for General Dynamics in Warren, Mich. He is a member of the

National Academy of Engineering, Society of Automotive Engineers, Board of Advisers of the International Society of Logistics Engineers, American Defense Preparedness Association, and past member of the Board of Governors, Society of Sloan Fellows, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Andrew J. Powell, Jr., '61** of Spartanburg, S.C., is divisional vice president of manufacturing staff services for M. Lowenstein Corp. His memories of Auburn include "Lambda Chi, 'Fat Daddy' Layfield, painting the water tower, Pop Raines' Shack, pickled eggs and beer." He believes Auburn has "outstanding spirit and loyalty of graduates, a beautiful campus, and a good mix between academics and sports."

He is a member of the I.E. Advisory Board at Clemson University, past president of the Textile Industrial Engineering Council and the Textile Industrial Engineering Council, and on the advisory council for the South Carolina Education Resource Foundation.

**James Kirk Newell, Jr., '41** retired from General Electric Co. in 1977. He is now diaconical minister for the First United Methodist Church in Alexander City. He believes advisory councils are "vital. They can reflect current business and market conditions and needs to the college to better enable the students to go into the marketplace better prepared than otherwise. They can also tell the college what should be taught to be most useful in the business world." One of the founders of the Engineering Advisory Council along with Emeritus Dean of Engineering Fred Pumphrey in the late Fifties, Mr. Newell felt alumni ought to take an interest in the university. He writes, "this was particularly important because Auburn had lost its engineering accreditation and since engineering was a vital part of the university, there was a need to focus on that school to bring it back to its former status and reputation."

**John A. Quenelle '41** believes the "faculty's and administration's dedication, im-



proved maturity of the student body, alumni loyalty, worldwide reputation in research and development, and the goals obtained by Auburn alumni in their professions" are Auburn strong points. Mr. Quenelle is retired and lives in Sylacauga with his wife, Jane Sartan '41.

O. William Bynum '30 thinks advisory councils are "very important. They are excellent contacts with the world for which students are being prepared." He believes the university's strong points are "dedicated administration and faculty, and students are serious about getting an education." He thinks Auburn needs "more and better facilities such as library and laboratory equipment. We need more funds available for additional faculty and salaries for present faculty." Mr. Bynum is retired and lives in Auburn with his wife, Margaret.

**Montgomery V. Truss '47** of Birmingham is director of engineering for Vulcan Materials Co. He writes, "advisory councils are very helpful in advising on curriculum, problems, and assisting financially. A good support to faculty and students." He would like to see "controlled growth, within the capacity of faculty and facilities."

**Albert Fred Henning, Jr., '42** of Birmingham writes, "I love the warmth and sincerity of Auburn. Although it has changed in appearance so much since I was a student, I still see and love the warmth and sincerity of Auburn people. The faculty's availability and their desire to help both students and visitors gives Auburn an unquestioned right to the title Alma Mater—the Fostering Mother." Mr. Henning is retired from USCO Power Equipment Corp. as vice president of sales.

**John A. Roberts '57** is vice president of retail marketing and organization for Georgia Power Co. Mr. Roberts, who also serves on the School of Business Advisory Council, believes "advisory councils offer a university a broader perspective of how and what the university is either achieving or not achieving. The council also affords representatives of the business field and the university representatives to interact by communication as to how each is dependent on the other and the effect each has on the other."

He believes "the people who make up the entire Auburn scene, the people who live in the Auburn community, the faculty, the students, and those who love and support Auburn but do not live there" are Auburn's strong points.

**Alan R. Barton '48** of Gulfport, Miss., is president of Mississippi Power Co. He believes the "good faculty, and student body who are interested in building a strong base for a career" are Auburn's strong points. However, he would like to see "increased financial support by the state, improved laboratories and physical facilities for the School of Engineering." In addition to the benefits that the school gets from an advisory committee, Mr. Barton writes "the council members also get a lot out of participating." He is a member of the Mississippi State University Engineering Advisory Council and vice chairman of the Mississippi Economic Council.

**John M. Harbert, III, '46** is chairman of the board and chief executive officer for Harbert Corp. in Birmingham. In addition to his many services to Auburn, where the John Harbert Civil Engineering Center was recently dedicated, Mr. Harbert serves on the Alabama Commission on Higher Education and is a trustee of Birmingham-

Southern College and the Alabama School of Fine Arts.

## Speech and Hearing Clinic Celebrates 39th Year with Reunion And Memories

By Ruth Schowalter

"The children were stuttering and stammering and I didn't know what to do," remembered 80-year-old kindergarten teacher Luckie Meagher as she talked to approximately 90 Auburn audiology and speech pathology alumni who returned to campus in April. They were here to see one another as well as the advancements the Speech and Hearing Clinic has made since the kindergarten teacher pointed out the need for help many years ago.

Now a complex of offices, management suites, and clinical spaces on the first floor of Haley Center, the Speech and Hearing Clinic housed in the Department of Communication Disorders has undergone a dramatic metamorphosis since beginning in the late Forties. At the luncheon on the day of the reunion, Dr. Clayton Bennett, one of the clinic's early directors, and Phyllis Phillips '61, longtime faculty member who retired in 1983, joined Mrs. Meagher in her memories of the clinic's early days.

Back in the late 1940s when Mrs. Meagher noticed that many of her kindergarten children had difficulty learning to speak phonetically and that some couldn't hear, she decided she needed a specialist and consulted with Dr. Frank Davis, an Auburn speech professor. As a result, he brought in a specialist for the hearing impaired who began the Speech and Hearing Clinic at the university.

"The program at Auburn rests largely on the Pilot Club's inspiration, energies and concern about children," says Dr. Bennett, who traveled from his home in

Southern California to see how the clinic "has developed from those rather spare beginnings." The Pilot Club and other community members helped Mrs. Meagher and Dr. Bennett screen the speech and hearing problems of preschool children who would not have otherwise been tested.

The clinic, which opened in one room on the third floor of Samford Hall as part of the English Department, evolved steadily over the years. In 1951, when speech separated from English to become a department, the clinic moved with it. In 1953, Dr. Donald A. Harrington designed and initiated the clinical training program in speech pathology, and the first students graduated in 1958. "By the time the first therapy majors had graduated, the program was established," says Dr. Phillips, who knows the history of the clinic better than anyone else. The curriculum consisted of six courses taught by audiology professor Dr. Cruz Hardigree and clinic director and speech pathology professor Dr. Buckminster Ranney, to 10 students who were enrolled in each class. "Dr. Ranney," recalls Dr. Phillips, "liked for student clinicians to look professional when meeting with clients. This meant hose and heels. There were lockers (cubbyholes) in which the students would store dress shoes in order to make a quick change when coming from classes for assigned therapy classes."

As years passed, the clinic acquired additional equipment for testing their clients' hearing; but the facilities, according to Dr. Phillips, left a lot to be desired. "Visualize, if you can, hearing testing in an unairconditioned building in a soundproof testing room during a summer quarter in Auburn, Alabama. We had not at that time learned the term 'cruel and inhumane treatment.'" This particular memory comes with another when in 1962 she became a faculty member and was teaching in the Shop Buildings. "These also were unairconditioned. The end room in Building 3 was below street level. The windows, however, were street level; and after a rain, students sitting near the windows were sometimes surprised by

the sudden 'shower' they received as passing cars splashed water over about the first two rows of seats."

Professors left, others came. In 1967 a part-time secretary joined the clinic. Students formed an organization. The clinic ran a summer pre-school program for several years which provided daily therapy for children. In the Sixties, faculty members prepared the program for accreditation. Blueprints of the clinic's proposed new home—Haley Center—were shown as an encouragement to speech and hearing faculty. "Soon the tennis courts where Haley Center now sits were being bulldozed," recalls Dr. Phillips, "construction began; and the School of Education, housed in unairconditioned Thach Hall, welcomed cold weather that allowed the closing of windows to shut out the construction noise." In 1969, the Speech and Hearing Clinic moved to their new quarters in Haley Center and received national accreditation that year.

The clinic achieved departmental status in 1982, under the directorship of Dr. William E. Weidner, the current department head, who in April received the highest honor awarded by the Hearing Association of Alabama for his distinguished service and leadership. Students at the undergraduate level earn a Bachelor of Science in speech pathology and audiology, learning the basic skills of a speech pathologist who works with speech and language disorders and those of an audiologist who tests and evaluates people's hearing problems. At the graduate level, students specialize in either audiology or speech pathology and can earn a master's in communication disorders or a Master of Science. Presently, there are eight faculty members on the staff: speech pathologists Geraldine Boddie, Dorenda T. White, William O. Haynes, Michael J. Moran, and Rebekah H. Pindzola; and audiologists Curtis R. Smith, Sandra Clark-Lewis, and Nancy A. Hawes.

Although, today, the Communication Disorders Department is complete with lecture and seminar rooms, laboratory and



**AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH PATHOLOGY ALUMNI**—Auburn alumni traveled to Auburn from across the nation to participate in the 39th anniversary of the founding of the audiology and speech pathology program. Row 1, left to right, Lisa Epling, Lynn Henry '82, Holly G. Sullivan '84, Jacquelyn Hathcock '83, Keela Kelley, Debra Allsup '83, Cindy Wright Bennett '81, Priscilla Edmonds '85, Jan Murphy '84, Donna Johnston '82, Judy Walton Comer '69, Kathy Vestal Lenoir '67, Dr. Phyllis Purnell Phillips '61, Dr. Jennifer Morgan Nichols '70, Lynn Carmichael '78, and Dawn Reeves '81. Row 2, Laura Godbold '85, Cindy Sims Stearns '81, Karen Johnson '82, Janis Jackson Brush '75, Myra S. Hooks '77, Faith Pellett '85, Eloise Anderson '85, Cathy Parrott Hale '76, Laura Johnson '83, Pam Dyas Vautier '76, Terry Thomas '76, Dorenda White, Tamara Renie '85, Marie (Irish) McCann Zaminer '78, Gwen Ferris-Reid '81, and Richard Gresham '83. Row 3, Patricia Briscoe '77, Stacy Smith Risley '83, Kim Nichols '82, Sheila McCurley, Kaye Williams '74, Ron Cates '75, Jan Andrews Dailey '80, Renee Steadham, Sandra Clark-Lewis '72, Cathy Adamson '75, Donna Wallis '81, Paige Overstreeter '85, Linda Mathis '85, Mary Beth Meadows, and Donna Sumners '83. Row 4, Paula Watson '85, Geraldine Boddie '83, Becky Barnett, Karla Pyle '85, Marsha Bailey '75, Nancy Haak Holley '79, Ruth Huntley '81, Dan Phillips, Nancy Lewis '80, Rob Lambeth, Lisa Copeland '83, Becki Parker, Linda Daugherty Isaacs '80, Anita Mobley '84, and Kathy Ingram Voltz '74.

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clinical facilities, a computer batch station, and a learning resource center, there is a continuing need for state-of-the-art equipment for research and clinical use. "We've done a lot of digging," says Dr. Weidner, referring to his department's search for resources from the state, university, and grants. In addition to the assistantships provided by the university when the speech and hearing program became a department, the clinic charges a fee for the services it provides to university students, and residents of Lee and neighboring counties, and West Georgia. The dispensing of hearing aids, which began in 1982, has also brought in needed monies. Among Dr. Weidner's goals for the department is to establish funding for special programs and continuing education for graduates; and he has established a clinic gifts fund through the Auburn University Foundation to which alumni and other interested persons can make donations. While the funding and services that the clinic provides are important, Dr. Weidner emphasizes that it exists primarily for the educational training it provides students five days a week.

The approximately 600 students who have graduated from the program have established a sound reputation for the training they received at Auburn. "There are so many jobs, we get a steady flow of requests," says Dr. Weidner, giving the example of In Speech, a national business for speech pathologists which likes to hire Auburn graduates because "they have found that our people do good work."

A few of these alumni made observations about Auburn and their profession at the reunion banquet. Jan Dailey, who graduated from the program in 1974, was glad to have the opportunity to visit the clinic. "Many of us have not been back for five to 10 years," she says. As coordinator of audiology at the Chattanooga/Hamilton County Speech and Hearing Clinic in Tennessee, she praised the department for "the hands-on experience" the current students are receiving. "It's so exciting to know that when we hire people, they already know how to do the job." Jan had to learn many of the job responsibilities once she joined the workforce. Not so for Debbie Allsup

'86, who was hired by Jan's clinic as a clinical audiologist.

Mary Beth McMallion Meadows '80, who works as a speech pathologist in the Carrollton, Georgia, public schools, does private therapy and teaches part-time. She was one of the many audiology and speech pathology graduate students who taught a beginning course in public speaking for her assistantship in the Speech Communications Department, a subject unrelated to the work of a speech pathologist and audiologist. For instance, a speech pathologist does therapy with a stroke patient who is working to regain some of his regular speech patterns, while an audiologist tests a child's hearing. Today, however, students majoring in speech pathology and audiology have assistantships in the clinic where the work they do at Auburn relates to their careers as they evaluate a client's communications disorder, prescribe, and administer the treatment.

There are many reasons to become an audiologist or speech pathologist, according to the Auburn alumni. Debbie likes her job because of the difference that she can make in someone's life. "Teaching, consulting, dispensing hearing aids, performing therapy, and giving diagnostics to physicians have an impact. That is a good feeling," Jan thinks people who get into the profession are "people and service oriented." Mary Beth likes being a speech pathologist because it's a "flexible profession, allowing time" for family and other interests, and because she likes to help people accept the way they are. "We all have limitations," she says. "Theirs (adult and adolescent stutterers) happen to be in their communications abilities."

It was appropriate that when Mrs. Meagher, who is nearing her eighty-first birthday, needed to be fitted for a hearing aid, she went to the Auburn University Speech and Hearing Clinic which she helped initiate. Still in use are the small chairs that her husband, Red, built for the children in the clinic. It was also fitting that Sandra Clark-Lewis '72, who earned two degrees from the program and has been on the faculty for 12 years and who is responsible for getting everyone together for the



**SPLITTING HAIRS**—Assistant Professor of Consumer Affairs Zoe Allison pulls the yarn hairs in preparation for one of her latest weaving projects. The artist is also a jewelry designer and sculptor.  
—Photo by Sonja Baucom

reunion, fitted Mrs. Meagher with her hearing aid. Good works seem to come full circle and, according to Dr. Weidner, the good training in Auburn's Speech and Hearing Clinic is getting people jobs. The requests are so many, he says, "that we can't meet the demand."

## Zoe Allison Uses Creativity in All Phases of Life

By Sonja Baucom '86

You could say that diversity is Zoe Allison's aim in life. As a professor of textile design in the Consumer Affairs Department, Ms. Allison refuses to let herself be categorized as a teacher only. "It seems to me that people expect you to be good at one thing, and it is hard for them to accept the fact that I can do more than one thing. I am an artist, a sculptor, a weaver, a jewelry designer, and a teacher. I probably don't have a lot of friends because I spend all my time in the studio while everyone else is out playing," Ms. Allison said, smilingly.

Diversification for Ms. Allison began early in life. She grew up in Idaho, a fifth-generation daughter of a family of metalworkers. Her father was a gunsmith and knifemaker, her uncles, stonecutters. "All the women in my family are fiber artists. My grandmother's work is in the Cheyenne Museum in Wyoming."

Growing up in an artistically-inclined family inspired her to study interior design when she attended Washington State University where she earned her B.A. "I majored in interior design because I knew it would give me a good educational design base from which to work," she commented.

Ms. Allison continued her studies at the University of Idaho, earning a Master of Fine Arts in sculpture. "It was a natural progression to go on to a three-dimensional

medium. Designers should be able to work in both two-dimensional and three-dimensional formats. One should be able to design a room as well as a wall," Ms. Allison remarked.

In 1982, she attended the Parsons School of Design where she studied with the top ceramics teachers in the country. Further intensive training came when, in 1983, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of traveling to Japan in conjunction with the Parsons design program. "I've always wanted to go to Japan. I'm an Oriental thinker. I prefer Oriental ways to Western thought-nurturing environments. And, Japan is so culturally rich in ways that can't be duplicated over here. I love the way Japan smells. The whole country smells like sandalwood and the food tastes different, much better. For example, you can buy a peach the size of a grapefruit and it tastes delicious," she said.

After returning from Japan, Zoe taught at Columbus College in Columbus, Ga., where she lives. In 1984, she joined the AU faculty in the Consumer Affairs Department and currently teaches weaving, textile design, screenprinting, and fashion illustrating. "I refuse to have a favorite class that I enjoy teaching more than others—that just puts you in a box. I like each class for the different qualities of art it embellishes," she said. "For example, in weaving, you are working with textures, and the mechanical manipulations you must do to achieve your design are almost like a science. I enjoy putting things together on the loom because even the most simple construction gives you a totally new configuration."

"Now with textile design and screenprinting, true colors are dealt with—how light affects the design and how it turns out when you put it on a fabric surface. In my other class, fashion sketching, I find the diversity of the students keeps the course interesting. The students come from such varied backgrounds that it makes each class



**SPEECH AND HEARING LEADERS**—Pictured here are some of the speech and hearing leaders of the past and present. From left to right are: Dr. Clayton Bennett of Southern California, the one of the Speech and Hearing Clinic's early directors; Mrs. Luckie Meagher of Auburn, the kindergarten teacher who prompted the opening of a speech and hearing clinic; Dr. Phyllis Purnell Phillips '61 of Lebanon, Tenn., both graduate of the speech and hearing program and Auburn professor for 21 years; and Dr. William E. Weidner who became the director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic in 1979 and became Communication Disorders Department head when the program received departmental status in 1982.  
—Photo by Ruth Schowalter



each quarter different, and I enjoy getting to know the students," Ms. Allison said.

In addition to learning about her students, Ms. Allison attempts to get them to learn about themselves. For example, while explaining a watercolor technique in her fashion sketching class, she urges students to examine their thoughts and ideas for inspiration. "Try looking inside your own mind sometime and see what you see," she advises. The professor also is a firm believer in action. She admonishes her students, "Don't tell me what you are going to do, do it and show it to me. The only way you are going to learn if an idea works is to try it."

And, in a case of taking one's own advice, Ms. Allison seems to be perpetually busy. If she isn't at Spidle Hall, where she can usually be found until eight at night, she is probably working in her jewelry studio at her Columbus home. "I have a full design manufacturing studio where I produce one-of-a-kind and limited editions for the jewelry/accessory industry," Ms. Allison said. Although that doesn't leave much time for her husband, Peter Jayko, they usually have some morning time talking quietly over coffee. "Peter understands how much time I need in order to accomplish what I want to do," she said. "There's nothing I'd rather be doing than working with jewelry, watching the light play on the color of the jewels and the gold, because, like textile design, it offers the use of true color. I work with diamonds, rubies, and emeralds, but I'm most partial to opals and pearls. Pearls give me a good excuse to go back to Japan," she said, laughing.

Taking a moment to reflect on her personal goals, Ms. Allison commented, "I would like to be able to design things for the public such as silverware, plates, clothes, furniture, and jewelry and have it produced." She has an agent, Ellie Wolf of Total Accessories at the Atlanta Apparel Mart, who represents the designer under her accessory product label, "Zoe What." An additional goal of Ms. Allison's is to take a group of Auburn students and alumni to Japan in the summer of 1987 to study design.

"I think Auburn students are very lucky because of the chances they have to study in different places other than the classroom. They have the advantage of the Alabama textile industry which allows us to give the students firsthand knowledge by going to the mills, learning company policies, and finding out how they work with designers. We also have access to use the materials that they so generously provide," she said. "Also at Auburn, the students have the chance to be given strong individual attention, they don't have to fight it out for the teacher's expertise and help. And, Auburn's textile design students are very bright. They are fresh with new ideas and not jaded. In most schools this size, you are on your own when you design. Here it is a group effort. The students like to put their heads together to help create a design."

In her other plans, Ms. Allison is researching a type of dyeing process called cyanotype. "This past summer I worked with some experiments on the process of cyanotype, which basically involves coating a surface with a chemical combination which will produce a blueprint effect when the material is exposed to the sun. You place the objects or acetate design on top of the material, usually fabric or paper, and expose it to sunlight. I am planning on collaborating with a writer to document

my results in an article that will be submitted to a fiber-industry magazine," she said.

And as if that isn't enough to keep her busy, Ms. Allison also sponsors the Auburn University Modeling Board, which promotes the department by giving seasonal fashion shows. "Life's too short to just play around, and there's just too much that I want to do," she explained.

## New Gymnastics Coach Dillard Helps Team Get Back on Feet

By Karen Price '88

"I feel the situation is right, we are ready to move up. We've got the enthusiasm, we've got the facilities, and we've got the equipment. So now the only thing left to do is to get the athletes together and work with them—that's where off-season training begins," says optimistic new women's gymnastics coach Robert Dillard. In the unprecedented record-breaking 1986 season, the girls smashed every Auburn team record, broke seven individual records, and achieved more victories than in the past two years combined. "The girls worked hard and we have made some major accomplishments. But I'm not totally pleased because I'm not going to be pleased until we are number one," says Coach Dillard about his first Auburn season.

The job of reviving Auburn's dormant gymnastics team clearly belonged in the able hands of Coach Dillard. During his 10 years as Jacksonville State's head coach, the Lady Gamecocks finished first or second in their region eight times. The Lady Gamecocks won the Division II National Championship in 1984 and 1985 and earned Coach Dillard the NCAA Division II Coach of the Year honor twice.

Coach Dillard is excited about reforming Auburn's gymnastics program. "The chances of getting the 'blue chip' athlete are greater here than at Jacksonville State because [Auburn has] the Division I program, the SEC tradition, and great academic courses available."

But, upon arriving at Auburn last September, Coach Dillard's problems did not include a shortage of talent. The lack of scholarships to recruit new gymnasts and the poor state of the equipment were issues that had to be dealt with first. In the past, Auburn's scholarships compared unfavorably with other schools' in the SEC and, as a result, prime gymnasts slipped through Auburn's grasp. The equipment was in such a state that other Division I teams quit competing in Auburn because they either had to water down their routines or pay for the resulting injuries. The Athletic Department assured Coach Dillard of its commitment to do something positive by allocating more money for scholarships and better equipment.

With two primary problems solved, Coach Dillard turned his attention to the team itself. When the girls returned to school in the fall, they had been inactive for nearly five months. After Coach Tabor Medill left in the spring of 1985, a definite plan for future training had been left to each gymnast's discretion. "Oh, they said they practiced, but they only played with it," Coach Dillard said. Injuries had plagued the team in the previous season, with almost all of the girls sitting on the sidelines at one time or another. The goal of peak physical condition in time for competition in January appeared to be difficult to achieve.

Coach Dillard cites the use of "the pit" this past year as the major reason injuries have been minor and medical costs for the team totaled a very small amount for the whole season. The pit consists of a 5-foot-high walled structure filled with scrap foam which is placed under, for instance, the uneven parallel bars so the girls land in the foam when they fall. Liz Butler, the team captain, thinks the pit has made a major difference in training. "The pit is great because you can land any way you want. You can land on your neck, upside down, or head first and it doesn't hurt. It is the safest way to learn a trick." The gymnasts learn the more difficult tricks faster with the pit because they don't have to worry about falling on a hard surface and

injuring themselves. Therefore, the girls can progress through training injury-free and enter competition in top physical state.

In addition to the pit, Coach Dillard's training program conditioned the girls better by avoiding undue stress and strain on their muscles. Particular muscle groups were worked only on certain days, in order to reduce the number of injuries which result from over-stressed muscles.

The combination of the pit and Coach Dillard's training program successfully conditioned the girls by the end of the season. "The last meet of the year we looked super—this only proves that we are just now getting in shape to do good gymnastics. It took us all year," comments Coach Dillard. The last meet of the year was against Alabama, who finished third in the nation this season. At the meet against Alabama the previous year, Auburn lost 24 points. This year Auburn lost only 10 points.

Coach Dillard admits that the training program he used in his first year at Auburn differs from the usual procedures followed for a conditioned team. "Some of the time we needed to spend on finesse we didn't take because it was more important to learn new skills," says Coach Dillard. "For example, Jeanne Coco was never really consistent all year so she hit a 36 all-round. She is capable of 37 and that is big-time gymnastics." The all-round scores are based on the sum of scores possible in the four individual events: floor exercise, uneven bars, balance beam, and vault. With a perfect score of 10 in each event, a perfect all-round score would be 40. "Spring training is the time to work on new skills and we will have that time this year."

One discovers when flipping through the team publicity handbook that all the girls come from out-of-state. The gymnastics programs in Alabama do not often produce quality gymnasts, according to Coach Dillard, and the one girl who performed well in the state chose to attend Alabama. "Florida is the best place to recruit gymnasts," explains Coach Dillard, because Florida has a better youth program.

He quickly points out, though, that recruiting this year has gone extremely well. Meg Nystrom, the top gymnast from South Carolina, and Amy Cekander, who trained at an Olympic training school in Texas, signed agreements to come to Auburn. With the addition of scholar-athlete Michele McBride and two walk-ons, Liz Chance and Lesley Bonney, the team has a well-rounded list of newcomers. Team captain Liz Butler says of them: "All the new recruits are top gymnasts. Lots of people wanted to come to Auburn this year, but Coach Dillard had to turn down some girls. Auburn has never had to turn down anybody."

With incoming freshmen, Coach Dillard and the team face a new experience every September. "I think the hardest thing a collegiate coach has to do is deal with freshmen," says Coach Dillard. Most of the new girls come from private clubs and have competed alone for years. They were probably the top girls in their areas, according to Coach Dillard, and they are used to being catered to and admired by all the hometown folks. Suddenly these girls are thrust into a situation where they must be one of 10 girls who are all very good gymnasts and must learn to act as a team instead of as individuals. Part of Liz Butler's job as team captain is to help the freshmen make the



**THE RECORD BREAKING TEAM**—The 1985-86 Women's Gymnastics team broke every Auburn team record, seven individual records, and achieved more victories than in the past two years combined. On the front row seated, left to right: Patty Parker, Leigh Weatherly, Kathi Frick, and Karen Kenlin. Second row: Team captain Liz Butler, Liz Haisley, Janeen Coco, Angie Sprinkle, Toni Johnson, and Katy Mida.



adjustment. "College gymnastics are a lot different than the girls are used to because the competition is so different. So I help them out and try to get them into the team concept of helping each other out."

Coach Dillard would love to see the NCAA classify women's gymnastics as a team event. Although the gymnasts perform individually, they only win individual awards on the national level. As a whole, gymnasts win as a team and receive trophies as a team.

So, with the addition of spring training, a completely healthy team, and top-notch recruits coming in, the team should perform magnificently next season. Coach Dillard has prepared a tough schedule for the 1987 season, but feels that, "In order to be the best, you must compete against the best, and that is what we will do to help build Auburn into a legitimate contender in collegiate gymnastics."

## Cosmopolitan Tennis Coach Finds His Home in Auburn

By Mary Mason '86

His tanned skin, toughened by prolonged hours in the sun, suits Hugh Thomson, who spends his days on the tennis courts coaching the Auburn men's tennis team. He has also spent a lot of time off the courts, including an attempted detour through Africa on his way home to Australia, which ultimately led him to Europe and India where he played on the pro tennis circuit.

In his noticeable, refined Australian accent, Coach Thomson talked of growing up in an Australian town of fourteen people where he had a 35-mile bus ride to elementary school, and education facilities were even further away when he entered high school. Due to the distance, he boarded in a town of approximately 5,000 during

the week but sports kept him too busy to be homesick. In Australia the youth aren't encouraged to specialize, and as a result he lettered in six sports. Coach Thomson says "that wasn't unusual and others lettered in even more sports." Academics were not neglected, however. Australian high schools are five-year programs and much more structured than American public schools. Australian schools require more extensive study in science and mathematics, so students take four years of chemistry, three years of physics, four years of trigonometry, and so forth. Coach Thomson believes a "high school diploma in Australia would be equivalent to a junior college diploma in the U.S."

His good education would benefit him when he entered Mississippi State University in 1965 on a tennis scholarship. A tennis pro, who hunted the abundant kangaroos on the Thomson family's land, knew of an Australian tennis player at Mississippi State and encouraged young Hugh to pursue a scholarship. Coach Thomson says "in those days everyone thought you were a good player if you were from Australia due to the performance of the Australian teams in the Davis Cup," and he received a scholarship. As a member of the Mississippi State tennis team, he won 54 of 56 matches, was named All-SEC four years, and appeared in three NCAA tournaments.

After graduating in 1969 with a B.S. in agriculture economics and a B.S. in business administration, he coached tennis at Mississippi State for a year. He led the Bulldogs to a 14-6 record and a third place finish in the SEC. He spent the next five years at the Birmingham Country Club as a tennis pro.

In 1975 he and his wife, Laquita, decided to take a tour of Africa on their way to Australia. They sent their Volkswagen bus overseas and followed it to Morocco in North Africa. There were many Australians and New Zealanders in North Africa who, Coach Thomson says, "travel the world." However, the Thomsons discovered "this was the time of the Spanish-Saharan



**COMMITMENT TO A PROFESSION**—As a student majoring in journalism, Bill Holbrook '80 knew he didn't want to be a journalist; he wanted to become a cartoonist. It wasn't easy, but today he has a syndicated cartoon, *On the Fastrack*, and has published a book, *How to get on the Fastrack*.

War, the Angolan War, and Idi Amin, which made travel south impossible. The Congo was also closed since the Flemish had recently been expelled and internal problems existed." The other travelers in the area advised the Thomsons not to head south, so the couple traveled into Europe instead.

Coach Thomson and Laquita, also a tennis player, joined the pro-circuit in Europe and then in India. Four months in India left them with many stories of the impoverished country. Coach Thomson remembers "we were leaving the airport after arriving in India and were swamped with young Indian boys wanting to carry our luggage. There were signs advising against tipping, but Laquita gave one of the boys an American dollar. Since that money was the equivalent of about a year's pay in India, the boys jumped on the bus we had boarded, with their hands outstretched for more money." Coach Thomson told of the people who live in the streets, sleep on concrete fountain bases, and die in the streets, having their bodies collected by trucks. He visited a middle-class home, which was only a shed with a dirt floor. These were the lucky ones.

The Thomsons finally made it to his home in Australia in 1976. While there they managed a hostel for delinquent boys. The couple who ran the hostel went on vacation and the Thomsons filled in during their absence, taking care of the twelve boys. The couple returned from vacation and decided to quit, so the Thomsons filled in for about nine months until they had to return to the States.

Upon his return to the U.S., in 1977, Coach Thomson coached tennis at Florida State and UAB before he arrived at Auburn, where he has been the head coach for the men's tennis team since 1982. He has led the Auburn men's tennis team to two SEC championships, an NCAA tournament appearance, and a 92-50 record in four seasons. So far this season the team is 14-10 and 2-0 in the conference, with wins over Tennessee and Kentucky. They are ranked 6-2 in the SEC at press time and hosted the

SEC Conference tournament on May 9, 10, and 11.

On the pro circuit today, Coach Thomson says he "likes the attitude of the Swedes." Of the big names, he dislikes Jimmy Connors' attitude and, although he feels Boris Becker has a good attitude, he is "too young for consistency." One of the problems of college tennis is the lack of consistency. Coach Thomson says he looks for a "never-say-die attitude and quickness" in his players. He greatly believes you must never give up, because you can't in tennis. He says "in football or basketball the winning team can sit on the ball while the clock runs out, but not so in tennis. Although you may be ahead in the set 4-1, you still have to play hard to maintain your lead."

Still active in competitive tennis, Coach Thomson won the finals of the national 40s this past year. He has been ranked No. 1 player in the Alabama 35's division five times, as well as being ranked in the top 20 nationally in both singles and doubles in his division. He has won the state 35-and older tournament three times, the 40-and over one time, the single men's doubles one time, men's doubles title one time, the Florida men's doubles one time, and the Southern husband-wife once.

With his impressive career as both a tennis player and coach, it is obvious Coach Hugh Thomson has "never said die" and will continue to be an asset to Auburn tennis.

## Bill Holbrook '80 Now A Cartoonist On the Fastrack

By Ken Hattaway

Bill Holbrook '80 daily forces himself to deal with an overbearing female boss, an insecure, sometimes frustrated computer-programmer named Bob Shirt, and a host of company employees. He does so because



**TENNIS ANYONE?**—Coach Hugh Thomson, men's tennis coach, poses with racquet in hand before playing a recreational match with a friend. —Photo by Mary Mason



all of his life he's dreamed of drawing a comic strip. The aforementioned characters appear in the nationally syndicated cartoon strip, *On the Fastrack*, which runs in almost 200 newspapers across the country and, given time, will appear internationally.

The 1980 Auburn graduate is fulfilling a lifelong ambition, but doing so took time as well as several setbacks. Bill, 27, came to Auburn after receiving a recommendation from Betsy Stevenson, his high school art teacher. "She told me it was one of the best art schools in the southeast," he said. "She was right."

Journalism Department Head Jack Simms remembers Bill as an industrious student. "Holbrook knew early what he wanted to do," Prof. Simms said. "He was one of the few people working on *The Plainsman* who had no intention of going on to work at a newspaper after graduation. He was there because he wanted to be there."

At Auburn Bill engrossed himself in his art. He describes his life at the time as "a blur of work." He was left with little time for outside activities. After earning a fine arts degree, Bill sent out a portfolio of political cartoons to dozens of newspapers across the country. Rejection slips quickly accumulated.

He realized his dream would have to wait, so he sent samples of other art to newspapers in the Sunbelt areas. Six months of unemployment ended when he accepted a job-offer from the *Atlanta Constitution/Journal*. In Atlanta he was part of a seven-member art team, drawing maps, charts, and whatever was needed.

But Bill became restless. He longed to return to what made him happy, which was cartooning. Then one day, he met one of his idols, who encouraged him to return to his first love.

"I went to Santa Rosa, Calif., to visit my aunt, Barbara Barke," Bill said. "Through another relative she had arranged for me to meet with Charles Schultz. I was completely surprised."

Of course, Schultz is the man responsible for *Peanuts*, the comic strip featuring the likes of Snoopy, his owner Charlie Brown, and a host of neighborhood kids.

Schultz told Bill to "keep drawing, don't wait for that one big concept. Keep turning out the strips. Throw out the ones that don't work and keep the ones that do."

Inspired, Bill returned to Georgia and came up with the strip called Winstom Lewsome. Lewsome was a character who majored in medieval sports in college and upon graduation could only find work as a waiter. The strip was rejected by all the syndicates. Determined to succeed, Bill then brainstormed and came up with a list of contemporary ideas including computers, women co-workers, office romances and yuppies. The result was *On the Fastrack* which King Features immediately grabbed when Bill sent them about six weeks' advance material. *Fastrack* first appeared in newspapers on March 19, 1984. And in the last quarter of 1985 *How to Get on the Fastrack (in a buncha easy lessons)* hit the bookstores.

Bill hasn't yet received word from the publishers on how the book is doing, but if the initial run of 10,000 copies sells out, a second printing is sure to follow.

Now two years old, *Fastrack* is slowly growing in popularity and is providing a creative outlet for its creator who enjoys being on a fast track of his own.

## 'Auburn is Okay' Say AU Minority Students, Whose Special Needs Are Beginning to be Identified and Met By the Office of Special Programs

By Ruth Schowalter

**Author's Note:** I would like to thank graduating speech communications major Gina Washington for her assistance. As a part of her workshop with the Alumni Association, Gina spent two weeks with the *Alumnews* and at that time arranged and conducted interviews with students, the results of which were used in this article.

"In the past, black people did not perceive Auburn as an okay place to come," explains Linda Robinson '77, back for an Ed.D. in community agencies in Counselor Education and graduate assistant for minority programs at Auburn, "whereas now they are saying, 'Auburn is okay.'" The changing attitudes are resulting, Linda believes, from the administrative efforts to retain black students once they come to Auburn.

With Deb Liddell's arrival on campus in 1983 to establish the Office of Special Programs for foreign, handicapped, minority and older students, and Linda's development of the minority program in that office in 1984, black students gained an official place in the university where they may now go and voice problems specifically related to them. "Before," says Linda, "they kind of whirled through like a treadmill, so to speak. No one kept up with them when they came, no one kept up with them when they left."

Today, however, based on the results she received from polling the minority undergraduate population a year ago, Linda orchestrates a variety of services to assist black students as they adjust to campus life and to assure them that their ideas are welcome. The suggestion that black students meet periodically with administrators and faculty has evolved into effective quarterly luncheons during which black student leaders discuss issues of concern with President James E. Martin, Vice President of Student Affairs Pat Barnes, Vice President of Academic Affairs Warren Brandt, other university personnel and faculty members, and Student Government Association leaders.

"Recruiting was a real big issue," says Linda of fall quarter's meeting. "The students asked, 'How can we get more black students to come here?'" Offering to serve in any way that they could, some students now help Assistant Director of Admissions Dru Welch '83, whose duties are to specifically recruit black students. Volunteers phone promising high school students who have applied, telling them more about Auburn, and they travel with Dru on recruiting trips. "They tell the students," says Linda, "'We want you here at Auburn; we need you at Auburn,' and that 'We grow by numbers, and we will have a bigger voice if we have bigger numbers.' They tell them the good things that are going on here and how they may be able to make things even better."



**BUSY AS USUAL**—Linda Robinson '77, doctoral candidate in the Counselor Education Department and graduate assistant in the Office of Special Programs, finds that there aren't enough hours in the day. Her commitment to the students she has served as coordinator of minority programs earned her the 1986 Faculty/Staff Award for outstanding service at the Minority Student Recognition Banquet. —Photo by Ruth Schowalter

In addition to these new recruiting responsibilities, Auburn students have, for the past two years, assisted Dru during the minority high school weekend that takes place annually at Auburn's Homecoming by housing and chaperoning the 17- and 18-year-olds while they are on campus. "This weekend," says Dru, "has been successful in getting Auburn known in Alabama's black communities." However, she would like to see an increase in the number of students who attend Auburn after participating in the weekend. In 1984, 190 high school students came to the Auburn campus, 72 applied, 54 were accepted and 30 enrolled.

Retention continues to be an issue at the meetings. "What is it we can do to help black students stay here once they have gotten here?" asks Linda, whose concern keeps her in the office beyond the 13-hour assistantship. "One of the things students have said is that they see the lack of social life as a real big problem for black students who want to stay here." The number of students who comprise the two black sororities, three fraternities, Afro-American Association, Black Student Action Committee, and The National Society of Black Engineers is not large enough to financially support a central meeting place for their functions and parties. And, as the city of Auburn does not have a large black middle class, the students sometimes choose to go elsewhere for entertainment. Some students such as William Brathwaite would like to see black alumni and Greeks along with Auburn University construct a black cultural center, one which would, he says, welcome white students. "It would be a center for joint interaction; we could call it our own without excluding anyone."

While some might think that the black students' desire to have a place of their own simply means that Auburn is not making progress in integrating its black and white students, Coordinator of Special Programs Deb Liddell thinks it means something else. Assimilation, she says, occurs in stages, the first being isolation when someone of another culture feels alienated and excluded

from the majority culture. The next stage, the one Auburn appears to have achieved, is the period of solidarity. At this stage, those of another culture—in this case, the black students—strive for a sense of group identity and attempt to reinforce those characteristics that are unique to them. From this step, says Deb, the members of the minority culture move on to the majority culture activities. She thinks that a black cultural center at Auburn would help the minority students establish a black student tradition at Auburn.

And being a part of the Auburn tradition appears to be a goal of at least two black students. "Whatever Auburn has done in the past," says senior speech communications major Juraldine Battle, "Auburn wants to keep doing." Christopher Lee, a senior political science major, agrees with her, "Everything about the city refers to the past." Essentially, Chris and Juraldine are not questioning Auburn's love of history, but their role in that history. "We don't feel like a part of the Auburn tradition," says Chris, "because blacks don't play a part in it." However, according to Juraldine who is current president of the black sorority Delta Sigma Theta, "Before 1984, everyone was pretty apathetic; things are better, but we still have a lot of apathetic students." She and Chris along with other minority students have attended Georgia State University's annual Black Students on Predominantly White Campuses conference three years in a row, and have learned that the problems they confront at Auburn are no different than the problems at other universities in the Southeast.

Meanwhile, Dr. Barnes, who was alerted to the need of a central meeting place for the black organizations at the January meeting, has begun a dual search of locating on-campus office space for their meetings and a suitable facility off-campus for their social functions. Yet, the black student organizations' request for campus space competes with those of other student organizations, and an off-campus facility may be a difficult goal to achieve because of the costs involved.



"It has been the responsibility of chartered student organizations to generate their own monies with dues and fundraisers," says Dr. Barnes, explaining that while the university would like to financially assist the black organizations, it has not given money to chartered student organizations in the past and considers it important to treat all of the student groups equally, and she emphasizes the important role that alumni play financially in other campus fraternities and sororities.

For the 1986-1987 school year, the Auburn Student Government Association (SGA) has provided \$1,000 for the SGA Office of Minority Relations, whose director has a desk in the Student Union along with other SGA directors. This money pays for such things as publicity of minority activities and plaques awarded at the annual minority banquet. The University Program Council has allotted \$1,500 to the office to go towards paying for keynote speakers during black history week.

Another issue that concerns students is the academic difficulty they see some of their peers experiencing. Just as white students who come from rural areas, students who come from predominantly black high schools may not be as well prepared as they should be for college studies and may feel reluctant to ask for assistance. "They are not as assertive as some of the white kids in terms of going to their professors and saying, 'Hey, I'm having problems and I need some help.' Because there is only one or two of them in a class, says Linda, "they tend to shrink and fade in the background."

To help students become more assertive about their academic needs in the classroom, Linda has been teaching the students leadership skills. "We say to them, 'make yourself known to your professor. Go up to the professor and introduce yourself. Make that acquaintance, and if you do have problems in that class, at least you have established some type of relationship, and you can go from there.' I'm talking about communication problems or not really knowing what's going on in the class," explains Linda. "I've had very few students approach me with problems that they felt were racially related. I have had a couple of stu-

dents who have come to me and said, 'I don't think Dr. So-and-So likes me because I'm black,' or 'I don't think he likes black people.' If that's the case, then I feel okay about calling that professor and saying that I have a student who says this is an issue, and ask him if we can talk about it," says Linda, explaining that the outcome of such situations is positive. She emphasizes that it is important for students to deal with any problems immediately.

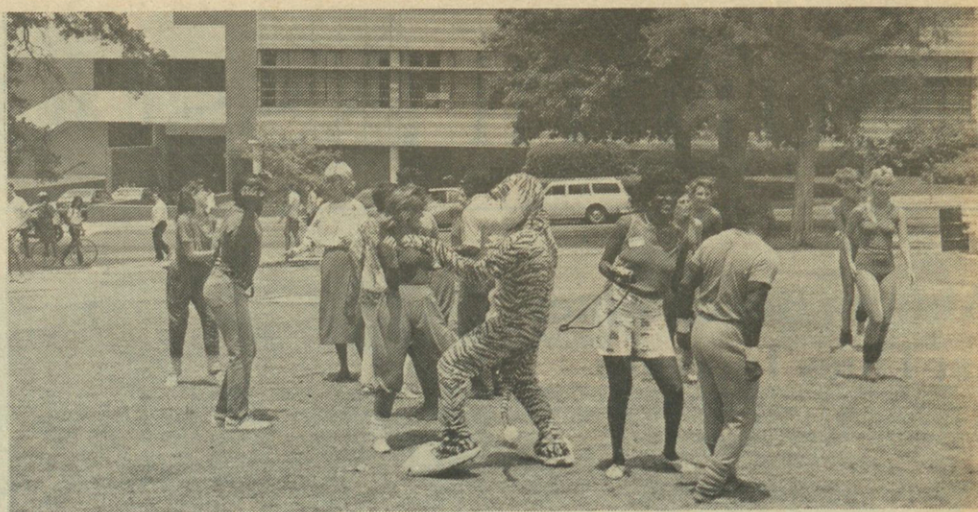
Some black students find that being the only black student in class gives them an opportunity to excel. "It doesn't faze me; it gives me the initiative to put my best foot forward," says Juraldine Battle, who came from a black high school in Hurtsboro, adding that it "takes dedication." She will attend graduate school either at Auburn or the University of Alabama. Christopher Lee of Birmingham, who will join the Marine Corps when he graduates, says that being a minority student gives him a challenge: "People look when a black student talks."

Sophomore speech communications major Tatisa Young, who came from a predominantly black Pinehill High School, has not found Auburn difficult: "Academically it's a great school, and college life teaches you to have responsibility," she says. As a minority student she has found "that professors call on you more so you don't feel left out."

William Brathwaite finds Auburn difficult "because of the level of academic excellence demanded by the professors." William, who came from a black/Hispanic high school in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, is a junior in finance and wants to pursue a career in the money market and banking industry.

LaVarra Bean, who came from a predominantly white Russellville high school and is studying criminology with plans to work for the FBI, finds academics at Auburn difficult because of his "study habits." He says his best experience at Auburn was receiving a football trophy, and his worst experience was giving up football for academics—"nothing related to being black," he says.

Kevin Henderson, a junior speech com-



**DANCING IN HARMONY**—Vice President of Student Affairs Pat Barnes and Aubie join students and the Auburn Dance Theatre in a dance on Cater Lawn as part of the activities of the second annual Harmony Day on May 16.  
—Photo by Ruth Schowalter

munications major and track team member, who says his best experience at Auburn was representing the university at the NCAA, has found Auburn "not difficult, but challenging." Coming from an integrated high school in Cleveland, Ohio, he has a definite opinion about Auburn. "If you're looking for a good education, it's good. Everything is there for you, academically. Socially, you have to work for it."

In addition to an improved social atmosphere and continuing support of academic performance, another need the students identify at these quarterly meetings is their desire for additional black role models. "When are we going to get some more black professors, or more black staff members?" Linda says they ask. In the past year, Dr. Linda Reed joined the faculty in the History Department, and E. Shelton Burden came as director of the Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Office. At the January meeting, students volunteered to participate in the faculty interviewing process, to show candidates around the campus, and to answer questions. However, because Auburn is competing with the rest of the country for a relatively small number of black Ph.D.s, Linda says, "we're going to have to really make efforts with a capital 'E.' A lot of these competing schools are located in urban areas and I think, for the most part, black people, if they had a choice, would prefer to live in Atlanta and teach at Georgia Tech as opposed to coming to Auburn University and living in the city of Auburn." Compared to Atlanta's large, middle-class, black population, Linda explains, Auburn is a small town with a predominantly white population. "I'm sure that plays a big part in terms of blacks deciding whether or not to settle in this town."

Sometimes issues come up that are easily dispelled. For instance, at the January meeting some black male students said they felt that they were being harassed by the city and campus police. Once this situation was investigated, however, it appeared to be a concern of male students, black and white. Dr. Barnes explains that she and a group of white and black students met Auburn University police chief Jack Walton, Auburn City Manager Doug Watson, and two Auburn police captains, and had an open and lengthy discussion, resulting in a commitment by both campus and city to being more sensitive to students' feelings while doing their job. The significance of this exchange, Linda points out, is that "something can be done; solutions can be found, and that, sometimes, something that is seen as a problem isn't necessarily a black

student's problem, but a student's problem."

Other services Linda provides through the minority program include coordinating monthly meetings with the leaders of the nine black student organizations so that their activities will not overlap, referring students to career and personal counselors, planning the annual minority banquet which celebrated its second year in May (and at which Linda received the Faculty/Staff Award for Outstanding Service), surveying students constantly ("I memo them to death"), and keeping her office door open and her home phone plugged in to receive suggestions at any time.

Yet another service offered by Linda's office, the Big Brother/Big Sister Program, helps incoming freshmen adapt more quickly to the Auburn campus. Freshmen who participate in the program are matched up on the basis of similar interests, majors, or hometowns with experienced students, who not only show them the ropes of university life, but who also take an interest in their academic and personal development. This year, approximately 120 of the 651 black students enrolled participated in this program.

Currently, the 651 minority students comprise 3.4 percent of the total Auburn student population of 19,056. Of the 651 minority students, 501 are in-state students, 150 are out-of-state. There are 71 graduate students. According to Linda, athletes make up approximately 15 percent of that 651. "A lot of the time people will ask me, 'what would black students think about this issue?'" She responds "their ideas are as different as night and day," and approaches finding an answer to the question by asking a variety of students to discuss it.

"There is much difference in a black student coming from Hartselle, Alabama, and one coming from Atlanta, Georgia; one is a small town, the other urban," she says. "There are some black students who come here and assimilate, matriculate, and have no problems. And there are some who come here and cannot get past any of the cultural barriers whatsoever."

No matter the diversity of the black students, an ambition many of them share is the desire to make Auburn the "kind of place that black students want to come to," says Linda, "and to be able to say, 'I'm an Auburn graduate,' and to feel good about going back to Auburn." Some students have expressed to Linda an interest in seeing Auburn become "a place where different people from different backgrounds and cultures can come together for a college  
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**SECOND ANNUAL MINORITY BANQUET**—On May 7, several accomplished alumni returned to campus to attend the minority student recognition banquet. Pictured above are Auburn Trustee Bessie Mae Holloway '83; Harold Franklin, Auburn's first black student; President James E. Martin; and Cynthia Tucker '76, associate editor of the *Atlanta Constitution* who won the Outstanding Alumnus Award.



# Alumni Association News

## Alumni Board Votes 1st Dues Increase Since 1979

Meeting in Auburn on May 10, the board of directors of the Auburn Alumni Association unanimously voted to increase membership dues, effective immediately. The board took the action at the recommendation of a committee, commended for their "thorough study of the dues situation," by Robert D. (Bob) Word, president of the Alumni Association. The committee had been active since February, meeting several times and involving a number of alumni staff, particularly Executive Director Jerry F. Smith and Associate Director Betty DeMent, who is responsible for alumni programs.

Individual dues for the 1986-1987 year will be \$25 annually and joint dues, \$35 (husband and wife). Life memberships will be \$400 for individuals and \$500 for alumni couples.

Members who are already enrolled in the five-year installment plan for lifetime memberships (either individual or joint) will be able to complete their pledges as established. Those who choose life memberships at the new rates can pay for them in one payment or spread them in equal payments over five years.

Auburn's alumni dues had been \$15 since 1979 and, in the intervening years, inflation as well as a growing alumni body had affected the Association expenses. Statistics on which the committee based its decision to increase dues showed a rise in normal operating expenses in percentages ranging from 7 (printing) to 915 (office supplies, which include computerization) since 1979.

In reporting to the board on behalf of his fellow committee members Bill Jordan '59 and Wycliffe Orr '68, H.B. Lee '61 explained that while they recommended increasing the dues the committee suggested no change in membership benefits.

"Based on what we learned, alumni don't really join the Alumni Association and pay dues because of what they get from the Alumni Association," explained Mr. Lee. "They pay their dues because of their love for Auburn. We felt the current benefits, which are primarily *The Alumnews* and a means of staying in touch with Auburn and each other, are sufficient." In addition to *The Alumnews*, members of the Alumni Association also receive football order blanks, special offers from the Alumni and Development Office, special insurance options, and invitations to alumni travel programs.

During discussion about the dues program and the expenses of the Alumni Association, Executive Director Smith noted that, "In addition to dealing with the increased costs of operating our program since 1979, we also have to consider some of the improvements we have made and others we plan to make, but the added costs alone justify the dues increase," he ex-



**ALUMNI BOARD**—Members of the Board of Directors of the Auburn Alumni Association and the alumni staff listen as H. B. Lee '61 of Birmingham, third from left at the table, makes a recommendation to increase alumni dues at the May 10 meeting. —Photo by Kaye Lovvorn

plained, pointing out that, for instance, cost of postage has increased 148 percent.

"In 1979, bulk rate items cost 2.7 cents each to mail; today it's more than 7 cents. First class postage was 15 cents; today it's 22 cents. Other costs have similar increases. During the same time expenses have increased, so have the activities of the Alumni Association," said Mr. Smith, giving as an example the growth of Auburn clubs from 79 in 1979 to the current 109.

Mr. Smith emphasized that through membership in the Alumni Association, alumni contribute to a variety of efforts to support the university. The Alumni Association's most basic function is maintaining records on alumni for the university and communicating with the graduates through *The Alumnews*, but it also supports alumni efforts to stay in touch with each other—through *The Alumnews* and through Auburn Clubs scattered across the country.

In terms of specific support for the university, the Alumni Association operates Auburn Annual Giving, an annual program of support for the academic activities of the university. Through Annual Giving, alumni have supported a number of projects of their own choosing as well as established Auburn's first professorships (the Alumni Professorships, of which there are now 16, as well as an Alumni Writer-in-Residence) and its first scholarships given on the basis of academic qualifications (the 40 Alumni Academic Scholarships).

Less obvious but no less important functions are funded through the Alumni Association: the two annual Alumni Graduate Faculty Lectureships, for instance.

Alumni funds also bring finalists for Auburn's highest academic scholarships to campus for their interviews; pay for public relations activities involving Alumni Legislative Committees; aid the Research Advisory Council and other advisory councils;

assist various student groups such as the War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen; provide mailings for various colleges, schools, and departments to their alumni; sponsor class reunions; and support placement services for both seniors and alumni through the University Placement Service.

The Alumni Association has a number of goals for improving its services to Auburn and to alumni. One of those goals involves the Auburn Club network. Not only are clubs being formed in even more cities—for instance, in 1986 clubs will be formed in San Antonio-Austin, Miami, and Knoxville—but clubs are also being encouraged to invite academic as well as athletic

personnel as their Auburn speakers and guests.

"Our biggest new project for 1986," Mrs. DeMent told the board when she was requested to explain some of the plans, "is the institution of a club leadership seminar in August. We're really excited about getting some of our hard-working club officers on campus and having an exchange of ideas and enthusiasm."

In summing up the situation of the Alumni Association, Mrs. DeMent and Mr. Smith agree: "We want to do more, and Auburn people want us to do more. Actually, it's a great problem to have, and the dues increase will certainly go a long way toward helping us to solve it."



**FIRST STEP AS AN AUBURN ALUM**—Aubie demonstrates how easy it is for a graduating senior to sign up with secretary Karen Bagwell and become a member of the Alumni Association. —Photo by Ruth Schowalter



# A Listing of All Auburn Clubs Throughout U.S.

Listed below are currently active Auburn clubs as well as a representative (usually the president) whom an interested alum- nus can contact for more information about the activities of the club. An asterisk indicates that the club has received its char- ter from the Alumni Association.

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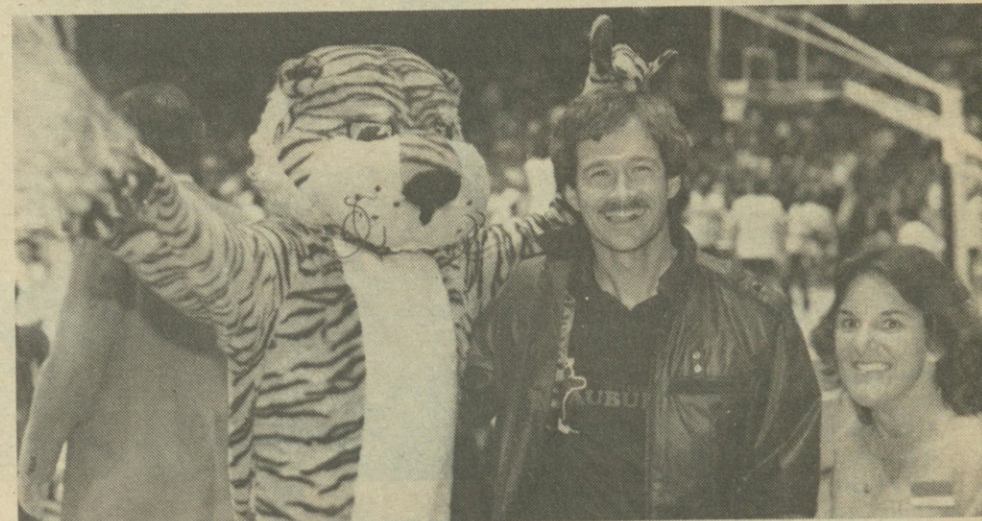
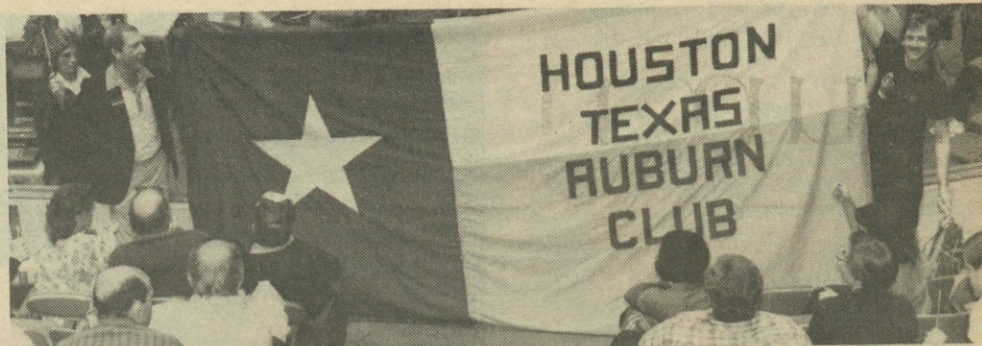
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**CELEBRATING**—The Houston Auburn Club turned out in fine style when the Auburn Basketball Tigers made it to the big H in the western regional NCAA basketball tournament. At the top Bill Turner '71, social chairperson, and Kent Brown '78, club president, rally Auburn fans. In the center Aubie comes over to lend a hand to Kent and Laura Banker Turner, phone committee chairperson. At right, Oval Jaynes, assistant athletic director, poses with two avid Auburn fans. At left is Jackie Morris, secretary of the club, and Cliff McClanahan, news- letter chairperson.



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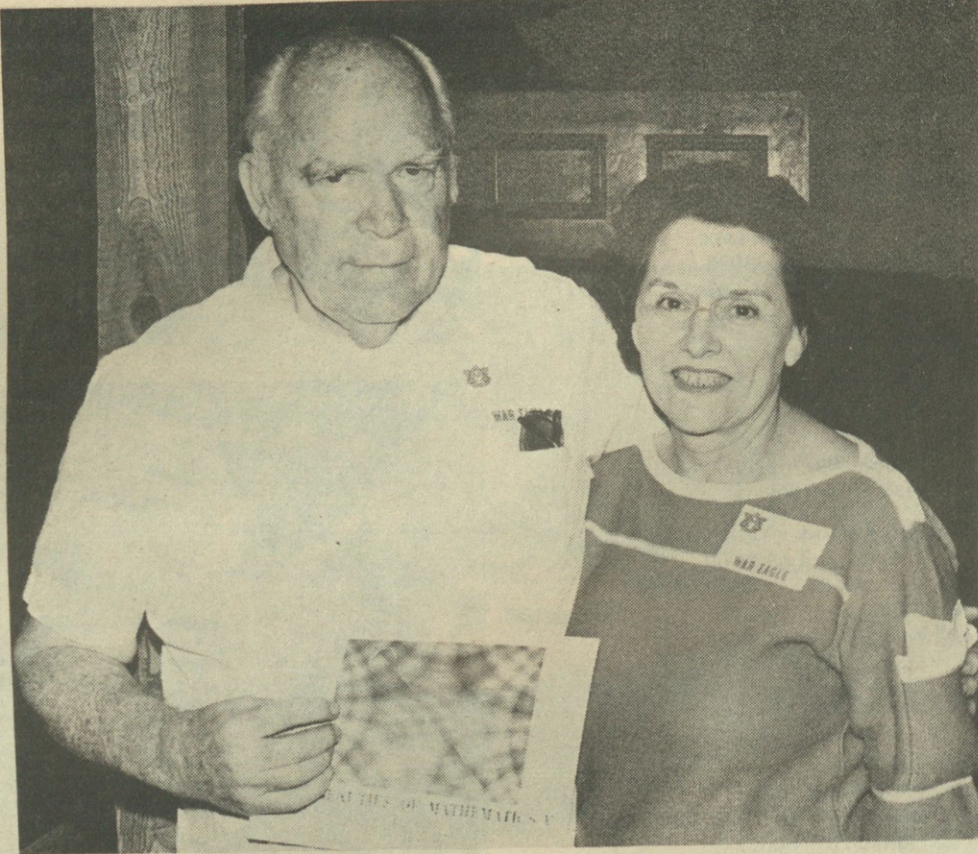
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**FORMER PROFESSOR**—E.P. Miles and his wife, Vicki, have kept up their Auburn ties despite having moved to Tallahassee, Fla., where Dr. Miles has been with the FSU Math Department since leaving Auburn in 1957. He proudly showed off the computer art calendar he produces which deals with the beauties of mathematics at the meeting of the Tallahassee Auburn Club on May 5.

—Photo by Sheila Eckman

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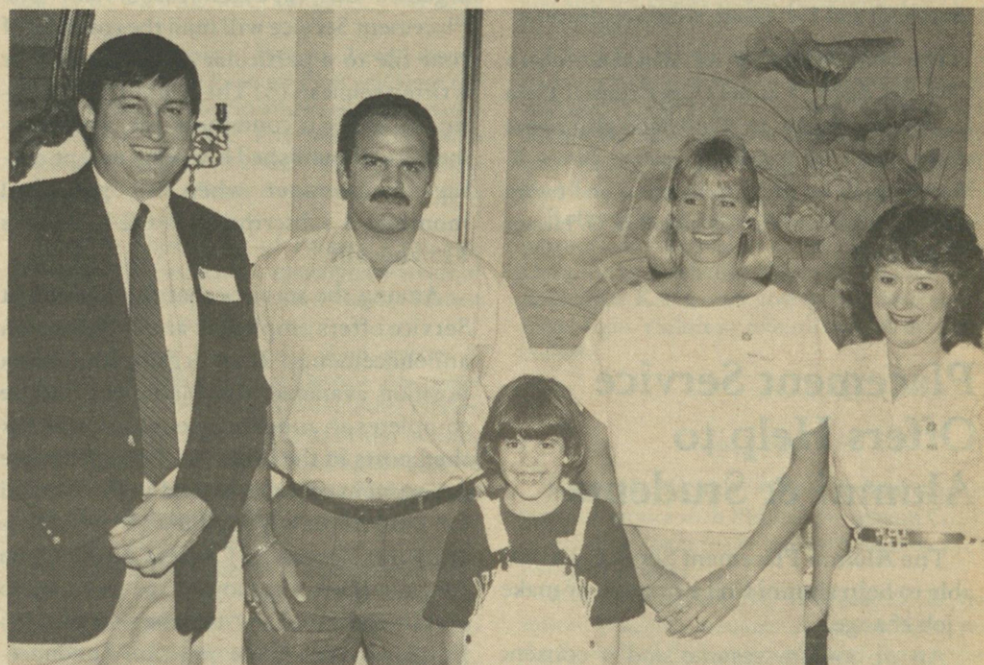
*\*Denotes clubs which have been chartered.*

# News From The Auburn Clubs

Compiled by Cheryl Duke '89

The WEST FLORIDA Auburn Club met April 4 at The Beacon Club in Pensacola, Fla., for a banquet. Speaker Mike Hubbard discussed the publicity surrounding Bo Jackson receiving the Heisman Trophy. Earl B. Parsons '60 presided. New officers elected in November 1985 are: Earl B. Parsons, Jr., '60, president; Clyde R. (Buddy) Choat, Jr., John Richard (Rick) Mayfield '78, and Margaret Dailey Peterson '80, vice presidents; Athena Marie Mann (Tena) Gindl '78, secretary; and Raymond Wayne Grove, treasurer.

The GREATER VALLEY AREA Auburn Club met Feb. 20 at The Cotton Duck in Valley for a social. Speaker Jerry Smith '64, director of Alumni and Development, talked of the devel-



**CLARKE/WASHINGTON COUNTIES**—Clarke/Washington Counties Auburn Club met in Jackson on April 24. Pictured at the top from left, are: Joe L. Palmer '52, new president; Robbie Chastain '79, 1st vice president; Dr. Wilford S. Bailey '42, guest speaker; Mrs. Kate Bailey, special guest; Amy Miller, recipient of the club's William Hugh Garris Memorial Scholarship for 1986-87 and daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Sam Miller '63; Christi Clowdus '81, Alumni Association representative; Bart York '76, outgoing president; Lillian Riddle Gilley '76, Clarke County director; Emory Mosley '72, Washington County director; Barry Sublett '83, secretary-treasurer. In the second picture are Mike and Linda Breedlove, Steve Buchanan, Frank Barbaree '48, Warren Barbaree, and Flo Miller. In the third picture are Sam Miller '63, Christi Clowdus, Billy Kennedy '71, and Chris Beverly '80. At bottom are Jimmy Tucker '70, Dana Becton '81, Niki York (daughter of Bart York), Brenda Becton, and Barbara Overton Buchanan '78.

—Photos by Kaye Lovvorn



opment and future of Auburn University. Vice president Jim Frank Clark '48 presided.

The **PHENIX CITY-RUSSELL COUNTY** Auburn Club met April 3 at the Colonial Inn in Phenix City for "Lewis Colbert Night," honoring All-American Lewis Colbert. The speaker was Coach Pat Dye of Auburn University. President William J. (Billy) Benton '74 presided.

The **MARENGO COUNTY** Auburn Club met March 21 at the Linden Country Club in Linden for a social hour and business meeting. Dee Powell introduced guest speaker Coach Pat Dye, who talked about Auburn University in general and especially football. President Wynne Echols '73 presided and new officers were elected.

The **ST. LOUIS** Auburn Club met March 24 at Clancy's in St. Louis, Mo., for a happy hour and brief business meeting, discussing the annual banquet and participation in Florissant's Bicentennial President Charles Michael George '79 presided.

The **BREVARD COUNTY SPACEPORT WAR EAGLES** met March 29 at Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Fla., for a social banquet and to hear speaker Jerry Smith '64, director of Alumni and Development. President B. J. (Jack) Dryer, III, '43 presided. New officers elected are: Harold Wayne Cochran '61, president; Harold Wayne Cochran, Jr., '79, vice president; John G. Gates '65, secretary; and Roberta Nell Neil (Robin) Peck '81, treasurer.

The **BUTLER COUNTY** Auburn Club met Feb. 27 at the Holiday Inn in Greenville to hear David Housel '69 give an update on Auburn and hold a question-and-answer session. President Patrick W. Newby '57 presided.

The **SUNCOAST** Auburn Club met April 22 at the Casa LaPita in St. Petersburg, Fla., for a banquet and to hear guest speaker Mike Hubbard. President Steven C. Hudgins '70 presided.

The **ETOWAH COUNTY** Auburn Club met March 25 at the Noccolula Falls Kiwanis Pavilion in Gadsden for a banquet. Auburn golf coach Mike Griffin spoke. Other items on the agenda included beginning of a membership drive and support for a scholarship. President Don Morris presided. New officers elected are: Cathy Waldrup, president; Jerry Vice, first vice president; Bonnie Lawler Stinson '74, second vice president; Wayne Hollar '76, third vice president; and Earl Gantt, secretary-treasurer.

The **NORTHWEST ALABAMA** Auburn Club met April 15 at the Upper Coastal Plain Experiment Station in Winfield to grill ribeye steaks and hear Auburn president James E. Martin speak on the current status and future plans for Auburn. Vice president E. G. Hester '72 presided.

## Placement Service Offers Help to Alumni & Students

The Alumni Placement Service is available to help alumni find a first job or make a job change.

An up-to-date resume and a consent form are the items needed to activate an alumnus' file. Other information can be added at your discretion.

The Placement Service maintains several aids to help alumni and employers meet each other. Among them are: (1) Open Resume Book—binders contain resumes, categorized by degrees, that are available to recruiters, companies, and



**MARENGO COUNTY**—Pictured at the Marengo County Auburn Club on March 21 are, top photo, left to right: Randy Hale '85 of Linden, Jimmie Henderson '49 of Millers Ferry, and Bracy Hill '39 of Linden. In the bottom photo are: Hoyt Glover '50 of Greensboro, W. G. Little '32 of Linden, Charles Mayton '49 of Demopolis, and A. G. Westbrook '51 of Demopolis.

organizations; (2) a Referral Service—The Placement Service will mail the contents of your file to a particular employer at your written request; (3) The Alumni Job Bulletin—a bulletin containing job announcements and published biweekly except during the summer when it's published monthly. A subscription to the bulletin is \$15 annually.

Among the services that the Placement Service offers employers are: (1) position announcements: If an organization has a position available, the Placement Service completes an announcement form which it then posts in the office, in the appropriate department on campus, and in the Alumni Job Bulletin, or any combination which the employer desires. (2) Access to the Open Resume Book. Employers are welcome to obtain copies of any resumes on file. (3) Employers can place position announcements in the bulletin where interested alumni can read them and contact the employer directly.

The Alumni Placement Service welcomes questions, position announcements, resumes, and subscriptions to the Alumni Job Bulletin. The only cost is \$15 for a subscription to the Job Bulletin. Contact Abbe Hockaday at the Alumni Placement

Service, 400 Martin Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849 (205) 826-4313.



**GOOD JUDGES**—Members of the 1986 Auburn University Soil Judging Team who recently won the National Collegiate Soil Judging contest are, kneeling left to right, David Burrows and Eric Gibson; standing, Graduate Assistant Bob Branch, Tracy Cole, Steve Cleland, and Advisor Ben Hajek. All are agronomy and soils majors. This is the fourth time in five years Auburn has brought home the trophy.

# Auburn Okay

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education and make some type of impact on each other." In efforts to achieve this particular goal, the Black Student Action Committee (BSAC) sponsored the second annual Harmony Day Picnic May 16. "We direct the program," says past BSAC president Christopher Lee, "so people of different races and cultures can come up and say 'hi' to one another and learn about each other." Another campus group of approximately 58 students, the Gospel Choir, has been entertaining Auburn and the surrounding communities with spirituals. The choir recently represented Auburn University at a joint session of the Alabama legislature and had a part in the city of Auburn's Sesquicentennial pageant, "Love-liest."

In August, when Linda completes her degree coursework and joins her husband in Knoxville, Tenn., she'll carry with her a loyalty for Auburn and a number of goals that she would like to see Auburn achieve. "I am really concerned about what happens to this university, because I see myself as being really invested in Auburn." Seven months pregnant, she says, "I would like my child to grow up and attend Auburn University. I feel real good about being here now."

In the meantime, she would like to see Auburn reach 12 to 15 percent minority enrollment: "The more black students are here, the more black students are comfortable in being here." She stresses the need for additional black faculty and for a building that black students can call their own. And she is optimistic about black students' needs continuing to be met by Dr. Martin's administration. "I have been very pleased with his support of minority programs," she says, telling of the numerous times she went to his office last year when she was developing the program. "I was able to walk over to his office and ask the secretary if he were in, and she'd say 'yes, he'll see you,' and we could just sit down and talk about things. That means to me that the president is concerned about the minority issues at his university."



# Alumnalities

1926

**Thomas L. Crowder** of Eclectic is retired from dairy farming and teaching vocational agriculture. He has two children, **Thomas L. Crowder, Jr.**, '55 and **Marilyn Crowder Phillips** '49, and five grandchildren.

**Nonnie Wood Heron** of Troy is a retired assistant nutrition specialist and a former dean of women at Livingston State College. She has a daughter, **Shirley**, who lives in North Alabama.

1931

**Wilton W. Eubanks** retired in 1975 as a school principal where he worked for the school board for 28 years. He and his wife, **Audra**, also a retired school teacher, live in Pensacola, Fla.

**Roy Lee Lovvorn** retired in 1976 as administrator of the cooperative state research service, U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. Earlier he was associate dean of the School of Agriculture and director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at North Carolina State University. He and his wife, **Virginia**, live in Raleigh, N.C. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

**Melton D. Thornton** and his wife, **Mabel Wilcoxson**, both are retired school teachers. They live in Montevallo and have three children and five grandchildren.

The Rev. **Lewis G. Lankford** of Decatur served as a minister in the North Alabama conference of the United Methodist Church for 41½ years. He and his wife, **Virginia**, have three children—**Lennie**, **Mary Elizabeth**, and **Lewis W. Lankford** '68—and two grandchildren.

**Bailey Thomas DeBardeleben** of Metairie, La., retired last year and is spending his free time playing golf. He and his wife, **Mildred**, have two children, **Jill** and **Lane**, and five grandchildren.

**Harold David Harmon** retired in 1971 as chief pilot and manager of operations after 34 years with Eastern Airlines. His wife, **Ruth**, retired as director of personnel and training for the Georgia Regional Hospital. They live in Atlanta.

**Jack Lowery Capell** is founder and senior partner of Capell, Howard, Knabe & Cobbs, P.A., a law firm in Montgomery, where he and his wife, **Nell**, live. They have one son, **J. L. Capell, III**, and three grandchildren.

**Edward C. Austin** of Fort Payne and his wife, **Inez**, write that their present occupation is "R & R." They have two sons, **Lowell Austin** '61 and **Jerry Austin** '67.

**John Costley Barrow** was owner of an appliance store for 35 years. He closed the store and retired for "about five weeks," then made up his mind to go back to work because "retiring was not for me." He then founded B & H Realty, a real estate brokerage firm in West Point, Ga., and vowed never to retire again, "even if I sat at my desk and read the newspaper!" He served 45 years as a councilman, 24 of which he was also mayor, and retired undefeated in 1985. He served two years as president of the Georgia Municipal Association, which includes all the mayors in Georgia. He and his wife, **Catherine**, live in West Point and have one son and two grandsons.

**Talton A. Carnes** is semi-retired after working for the Alabama Extension service for seven years, the U.S. Soil Conservation Service for five years, owning and managing Carnes Hardware Store for 21 years, and working in real estate for 19 years. He also served as mayor of Winfield in 1968 and 1969. He is now involved in timber stand improvement. He says retirement, to him, is "just slowing down and staying active and involved." He and his wife, **Lillian**, have three children, including **Jimmie T. Carnes** '63.

1936

**David Thomas Jennings, Jr.**, retired as commander in the Naval Reserve in 1969 and as a loan guaranty officer for the Veterans' Administration in Columbia, S.C., in 1975. He is past president of the Retired Officers of N.E.

Florida, the Society of Real Estate Appraisers in Jacksonville, and the Georgia Southwestern College class of 1934. He and his wife, **Frances**, live in Jacksonville, Fla., and have four children.

**Dorothy Gray Sellers** retired in 1971 after 23 years with the Pinellas County board of education in St. Petersburg, Fla. She spent five years overseas with the American Red Cross during World War II and is now living in Montgomery.

**Boadman N. Ivey** of Camden writes that he is enjoying retirement and participating in local church and civic activities. He retired in 1968 after 33 years of service in county, district, and state offices of USDA. His wife, **Barbara**, retired in 1977 as vice president and cashier at Camden National Bank. They have one daughter, **Kay E. Ivey** '67.

**Robert Sam Jones, Jr.**, retired in 1973 and is living in Eufaula with his wife, **Jimmie Sue**. Their son, **Sam**, graduated from Auburn in 1969. They have two grandchildren.

**Francis Herschel Burnett** retired Oct. 1, 1978, after 30 years with Southern Company Services. He and his wife, **Berniece**, enjoy church work and helping the needy. They live in Odenville, but write that they wish they could be in Auburn now. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

**J. Leslie Foster** of Lakeland, Fla., is a retired chief engineer, most recently with FMC Lakeland. His wife, **Mickie Griffin** '38, is an accountant and realtor. They have two children and list their grandchildren as "too numerous to mention."

**William Wayne Hamilton** is retired from the Army. His wife, **Eva**, is a semi-retired home development specialist. They live in Columbus, Ga., and have one daughter, **Donna Hamilton Ericson** '62; and two grandchildren, **Leif Ericson** '85 and **Bren Ericson**, a junior at the University of North Carolina.

**William Fred Thomas** retired in 1975 as president of Elmore Coosa Telephone Co., Inc. He and his wife, **Dorothy**, live in Eclectic and have two daughters, **Dorothy Elizabeth** and **Frances Susan**.

**Laura May Callan Griffin** of Ethelsville is a retired home economics teacher. Her husband, **Charles**, is a retired farmer who now raises peaches. They have four children and 10 grandchildren.

1941

**Edith Kinard Pike** lives in Sarasota, Fla., with her husband, **Richard**, a ceramic tile contractor. They have three children, including **Richard T. Pike, Jr.**, '70.

**William A. Cochran, Jr.**, retired in 1985 after 43 years as a resident specialist with Alabama Power Co. He and his wife, **Miriam Chesnutt**, live in Birmingham. While at Auburn, Mr. Cochran organized and implemented the first Engineers' Day, which took place on St. Patrick's Day, 1941. They have 4 children, including **W.A. Cochran, III**, '64 and **Edward M. Cochran** '81.

**Rowell Dickinson Nunn** has owned and operated King-Nunn Firestone Supply in Waycross, Ga., for 30 years. He and his wife, **Gertrud**, have three sons, including **Ronald Nunn** '67.

**David C. Gardiner** of Augusta, Ga., retired in 1983 as director of marketing services for the cotton division of the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, where he worked for 43 years. His wife, **Mary**, retired in 1982 as assistant to the director of alumni affairs at Augusta College. They have 4 children.

**Otto M. Strock** is a veterinarian in Charleston, S.C., where he lives with his wife, **Kathryn**. They have three daughters: **Amelia Burkholder**, **Darcus S. Wise** '70, and **Ellen S. Durrence** '71.

**Nathan J. Adams** retired as an Air Force colonel in 1968. He then served as vice president of First National Bank, Valdosta, Ga., for the next 12 years. He and his wife, **Margaret McCain** '43, live in Valdosta. Their three children include **Nathan J. Adams, Jr.**, '67.

**William Bringham McGehee** has been an



**CLASS OF 1917**—Known as the "World War I Class" because they left immediately for military training camps when war was declared without taking final examinations and received their diplomas anyway, the Class of 1917 met for its 69th anniversary on April 26, 1986. Three of the 26 surviving members attended: left to right, **William King (Happy) Askew**, **William J. Howard** (the only two members with a perfect reunion attendance record), and **Dr. Charles Isbell**. In honor of their sixteenth consecutive reunion, the Alabama State Legislature presented a resolution to the 1917 class members, paying them highest tribute for loyalty to their alma mater and uniqueness in the State of Alabama.

—Photo by Ruth Schowalter

architectural and medical facilities planning consultant since he retired in 1982 as chief designer, principal, and president of Six Associates, Inc., Architects and Engineers. He and his wife, **Elizabeth Bugbee**, live in Asheville, N.C. Their sons are **William B. McGehee, Jr.**, '68 and **Patrick B. McGehee** '68.

**Kench Lott** has retired after 37 years as chairman of Merchants National Bank of Mobile. He is currently an executive in residence at Spring Hill College in Mobile. He has three daughters, **Barbara L. Hannan** '68, **Betsy L. Poole** '70, and **Claire L. Weathers** '73, and six grandchildren.

**Bill Haygood Kinsey** is a retired veterinarian who says his present occupation is "civic service and recreation." He lives in Washington, N.C., with his wife, **Margaret**. They have two children.

**James Y. LeNoir** of Bolivar, Tenn., retired from LeNoir Stock Farm in 1968 and from the Western Mental Health Institute maintenance department in 1983. His wife **Patty**, who attended Auburn in 1942 and 1943, is a legal and judicial secretary. Their three children include **Pennington LeNoir** '76.

**Cary T. Shoemaker** of Panama City, Fla., retired in 1983 as general managing director of Southport Metropolitan Area Rapid Transit Authority (SMARTA).

**John H. Real** has been a shop teacher at Hamilton Middle School in Detroit, Ala., since 1977, when he retired as a rural letter carrier. His wife, **Anita Helms** '52, has been a home economics teacher at Hamilton High School for 28 years. They have two children, **Melisa Lynn Real** '80 and **Timothy Hudson Real** '82.

**William Hiram McGhee** is chairman of the board and CEO of the First National Bank in Dozier. He, his wife, **Blanche**, and their son, **Bill**, are owners of McGhee & Merrill Construction Co., Roadbuilders in Dozier.

**Sidney A. Berry, II**, retired in 1984 after practicing veterinary medicine for 43 years. His wife, **Thelma Caine**, also retired, taught history for 12 years at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn., where they now live.

**Edmund D. Taylor** is president of Gas, Inc., in Union City, Ga., where he has worked for 35 years. He and his wife, **Jo Ann**, have three children and live in Atlanta.

**Sallie Lou Strozier Parker** is a retired school teacher living in Ozark.

**Howard Norvil Mead, DVM**, retired in 1975 and is living in Atlanta. He writes that he has visited 37 states and 7 foreign countries and finds that Auburn is "still the friendly village on the plain."

**Coleman Herndon McGehee** is owner of Edwards & McGehee, and has been president of National Screenprinters, Inc., since 1962. He and his wife, **Susan Hare** '40, live in Auburn. They have six children, including **Mary M. Pope** '73, **Clark McGehee** '73, **Cathy McGehee** '78, **Robert McGehee** '77, and **Bruce McGehee**, who is currently a junior in aerospace engineering at Auburn.

**John E. Blansch** has been practicing veterinary medicine for 45 years. His wife, **Marie**, is his assistant in the practice when he needs her, and also she enjoys flower gardening. They live in Ferriday, La.

**Charles T. Higgins** of Montgomery retired in January as executive vice president of the Alabama Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., after 30 years of service. He and his wife, **Celia**, have one daughter, **Linda Ann H. Fowler** '71.

**Robert Lee Musgrove, Jr.**, retired in 1976 as partner and pharmacist at the Ford-Musgrove Drug Co. in Nashville, Tenn. He and his wife, **Katherine Kieffer** '39, live in Gulf Shores and have eight children, four of whom attended Auburn.

1942-1949

**James H. Nichols** '42 has retired after 40 years of service with Phillips Petroleum Co., 15 of which he spent in the United Kingdom. He is living in Atlanta.

**William Byrd Lee, III**, '47 of Macon, Ga., has retired as agency manager of the Lee Agency of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. Since beginning his career with Equitable in 1947, Mr. Lee has earned four National Leaders' Corps Awards, won the National Citation Award three times, earned the President's Trophy, eight Presidential Citation Awards, two Individual Life Growth Awards, and the National Life Management Award of the General Agents and Managers Conference. After his retirement, he and his wife, **Marion Jackson** '49, will live in Macon and Amelia Island, Fla.

**Eugene L. Brundage** '49, formerly a plant



engineer with Georgia Power Co. for 25 years, is retiring to his North Georgia farm after 10 years as a nuclear project engineer with Ebasco Services, Inc., an engineering construction company in New York, including a two-year start-up assignment of a power/desalination complex in Saudi Arabia.

**James L. Lovvorn** '49 retired Oct. 1 from the Instrumentation and Controls Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory after 32½ years of service. In the early 1950s, he and his wife, Betty, lived in the Northeast where, among his assignments, Jim contributed to the development of color television and helped engineer five TV broadcasting towers which were placed atop New York city's Empire State Building. He says he will never forget climbing part way up the tower "just so I could say I had been there." He and his wife now live in Oak Ridge, Tenn., where they are in the process of redecorating their home. Jim has been researching the Lovvorn family history for several years and plans to write a book based on his findings. The Lovvorns have two daughters, Debra L. Belvin of Ooltewah, Tenn., and Jane L. Morse of Cary, N.C.

#### 1950-1954

**Robert Earl Huffman** '50 is vice president of electric systems operations for Alabama Power Company. He and his wife, Susan, live in Birmingham.

**Norris Berry Lindley** '50 is retired from the U.S. Weather Bureau. He is living on Lake George in northern Cullman County and "enjoying the peace and quiet of the woodlands." He writes that his daughter, Deborah, a 1976 AUM graduate, lives in Cullman, and his son, **Norris Berry Lindley, Jr.**, '79 lives in Columbus, Miss., and is plants engineer with Blue Bell, Inc.

**E.W. Hopkins** '51 retired at the end of March as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of First Mutual Savings Association of Florida and is now living in Gulf Breeze.

**Hiram Yancey McKinney** '52 of Sullivan & Hagerty has been appointed chairman of the board of the Alabama branch of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGCA). AGCA members are responsible for 70 percent of the heavy, highway, industrial, utility, and commercial building construction in the country.

**Thomas A. Smith** '52 and his wife, Catherine Deaver '50, have moved to Falls Church, Va., where Tom is vice president of marketing at the Federal Government Marketing Group of Sperry Corp.

**Robert Hammill** '53 is manager of business development with Law Engineering Industrial Services, a division of Law Engineering Testing Company. His wife, Mariola Stegall '56, is a manager with Thalheimer's in Charleston, S.C.

**Henry E. Childers, DVM**, '54 of Cranston, R.I., has been named vice president of the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). He served as regional director of the Northeast region of AAHA from 1981 and was an area director from 1971 through 1981. Dr. Childers is past president and chairman of the New England Veterinary Medical Association and past president of the Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association.

#### 1955-1959

**Frank L. Davis** '55 of Dallas, Tex., has been appointed vice president of the Defense Systems & Electronics Group for Texas Instruments in Dallas. He also is manager of Airborne Systems within the Electro-Optics Systems business entity, and previously was manager of the Advanced Design Branch. Mr. Davis is a member of the American Defense Preparedness Association and the Association of the United States Army.

**Lewis H. Downer** '56 has been named co-chairman of the Department of Guidance at Southwest Senior High School in Macon, the largest in Georgia, where he is also the testing coordinator. Lou serves on the Mason's Educational Committee of Georgia. He and his wife, Helen, have lived in Macon for the past 25 years.

**Charles R. Pair** '57 of Augusta, Ga., is a construction engineer with duPont at the U.S. Government Savannah River Plant. He writes that his son Kenneth is a 3rd year medical student at UAB and his daughter Janet, who graduated from Troy State University, is work-

ing in Montgomery. His sons Jarrell and Christopher are in grade and middle school in Augusta.

**H. Owen Duffey** '58 of Valley has been promoted to product manager-Griffinworks with the leisure products unit of WestPoint Pepperell's Industrial Fabrics Division. He formerly was director of marketing services-Lantuck/Cusseta with the division's bedding and furniture components sales function. He and his wife, Bettye, have three children, Dennis Owen, Nancy Carol, and Jennifer Duffey Whitlock.

**Hugh B. Gurley, Jr.**, '58 has been named manager of the Fulton Federal Savings and Loan Association branch in Cartersville, Ga. Mr. Gurley is a Sigma Alpha Epsilon alumnus and a former Navy officer. He and his wife, Linda, have two daughters, Ashley and Martha Anne. They live in Sandy Springs, Ga., where they are members of the First Baptist Church and the Glenridge Forest Civic Association.

**Col. George W. Johnson, Jr.** '58 is a civil engineer for the Army in Dallas, Tex. He recently administered the oath of office to his son, Ens. George Wendell Johnson, USN, during graduation and commissioning exercises at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., where he graduated in materials science and engineering.

**Charlton Bryan McArthur** '59 has been named vice president for economic development in the newly-formed department of Alabama Power Co., where he was formerly vice president for industrial development.

**Col. Donal R. Cieutur** '59 has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio for outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement and service to the United States. He is the mobilization augmentee to the deputy for engineering and reliability with the Acquisition Logistics Center.

**William A. Caton** '59 of Sequoia Construction Co. is 1986 president of the Alabama branch of Associated General Contractors of America, which is responsible for 70 percent of the heavy, highway, industrial, utility, and commercial building construction in the country.

#### 1961

**Paul D. Kelley** is a senior consulting engineer with Management Technologies International in Tianjin, China. His son, Joe, is a senior at Auburn.

**Gregory B. Rust** is manager of combat systems engineering with ARINC Research Corp. in Annapolis, Md.

**Bobby D. Holt**, former associate chief of appeals for the Internal Revenue Service in Birmingham, was promoted on Jan. 3 to chief of appeals in New Orleans, La., which serves the state of Louisiana.

**Jim Phillips** finished first in his age group in the Last Train to Boston Marathon at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., on March 1 to qualify for the famous Boston Marathon. His time was 3:14:49. In the previous month Jim ran 3:13 in the Carolina Marathon at Columbia, S.C., and 3:11 in the Washington's Birthday Marathon at Greenbelt, Md. He was to compete in his 31st and "final" run, the Boston Marathon, on April 21.

**Norman L. West** of Jackson, Miss., has been a partner with Maris, West & Baker, Inc., a full-service advertising and public relations agency, for 16 years. The firm is now the largest ad agency in Mississippi with more than \$14 million in billings.

**Donald G. Cheatham** has been a veterinary medical officer with the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in Montgomery for 10 years. His wife, Joyce, is a relocation director in Montgomery with Century 21, Bob Fain Realty Co.

**Emile Enoch Watson** retired in June 1982 from Ft. Benning Dependent's Schools. He and his wife, Virginia, live in Columbus, Ga., where he plays in the Columbus Symphony.

**Deward V. Sloan, Jr.**, who retired from the Navy in 1972, is an engineering specialist with the Ingalls Shipbuilding Division of Litton Industries in Pascagoula, Miss. His wife, Judith, is a swimming instructor with the Jackson County Junior College in Gautier, Miss., where they live.

**Frank Howard Orr, III**, of Nashville, Tenn., is president of Orr/Houk & Associates Architects, Inc. He has authored two books, *Professional Practice in Architecture* (1982) and *Scale In Architecture* (1985), both published by Van Nostrand Reinhold, and has written a number of articles for architectural and Baptist periodicals. Mr. Orr has gone on one domestic and four overseas volunteer church mission projects. His wife, Nancy, is assistant director of Woodmont Baptist Kindergarten. Their daughter Karen is presently attending Auburn.

**Horace W. Powell** of Prattville has been an agent with New York Life for 18 years. He and his wife, Nadine, have four children, Cathy '79, Patti '81, Angie '81, and Chip, who is a student at Auburn. Cathy, Patti, and Angie were all in the Auburn band. Chip is presently playing corner back for the Auburn football team.

**Nathaniel DeHass McClure, IV**, is chief environmental engineer of the Environment and Resources Branch of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District. His wife, Rebecca Witmer '60, is librarian for Adelia Williams Elementary School. They have two children, Alice '85 and Rebecca, who is a student at Auburn.

**Mike F. Moseley** of Ramer is vice president of Andren & Dawson, Inc., Montgomery build-

ing contractors. He and his wife, Brenda, have three children—Melanie, who attended Auburn but graduated from UAB; Monica, who attended Auburn and is presently at AUM; and Michael.

**James M. Lignos** of Mobile is chemical technology supervisor with CIBA-GEIGY Corp. His wife, Irene, teaches fifth grade at St. Luke's Episcopal School.

**J. Knox Argo** of Montgomery is an attorney with Argo, Enslen, Holloway & Sabel.

**Jose Roberto Ortega** of Montgomery is principal of J.R. Ortega, Architect, and a member of the Auburn Department of Architecture Advisory Council. His wife, Margaret Ann Sullivan '60, is a part-time secretary in her husband's firm.

**James Allen Briley** of Birmingham has had his own psychologist practice for 12 years. He has been an instructor at Jefferson State Junior College for 20 years. His wife, Janet, is a registered nurse at Jefferson County Health Dept.

**Anita Griffith Hill** of Gadsden is principal of Southside Elementary School. Her husband, Lillon S. Hill, is president and owner of Gadsden Tool, Inc. They have five children—Judy Hill, Patty Hill, Susan Lytle '85, Jimmy Hill, a junior at Auburn, and Mark Lytle, a sophomore at Auburn.

**Myron Wallace Smith, Jr.**, of Harahan, La., is a partner of Lakeview Veterinary Hospital, Inc. His wife, Karon, is a registered nurse at Ochsner Clinic. They have three children—Myron W. Smith, III; Stuart Smith, a student at Auburn; and Scott Smith, a student at Louisiana Tech.

**William J. Suffich, Jr.**, of Mobile is president of the medical management consulting firm, Suffich & Associates, Inc.

**Jerry C. Cross** of Birmingham is vice president of Hoar Construction Co. He and his wife, Karen, have two children, Greg and Kathryn.

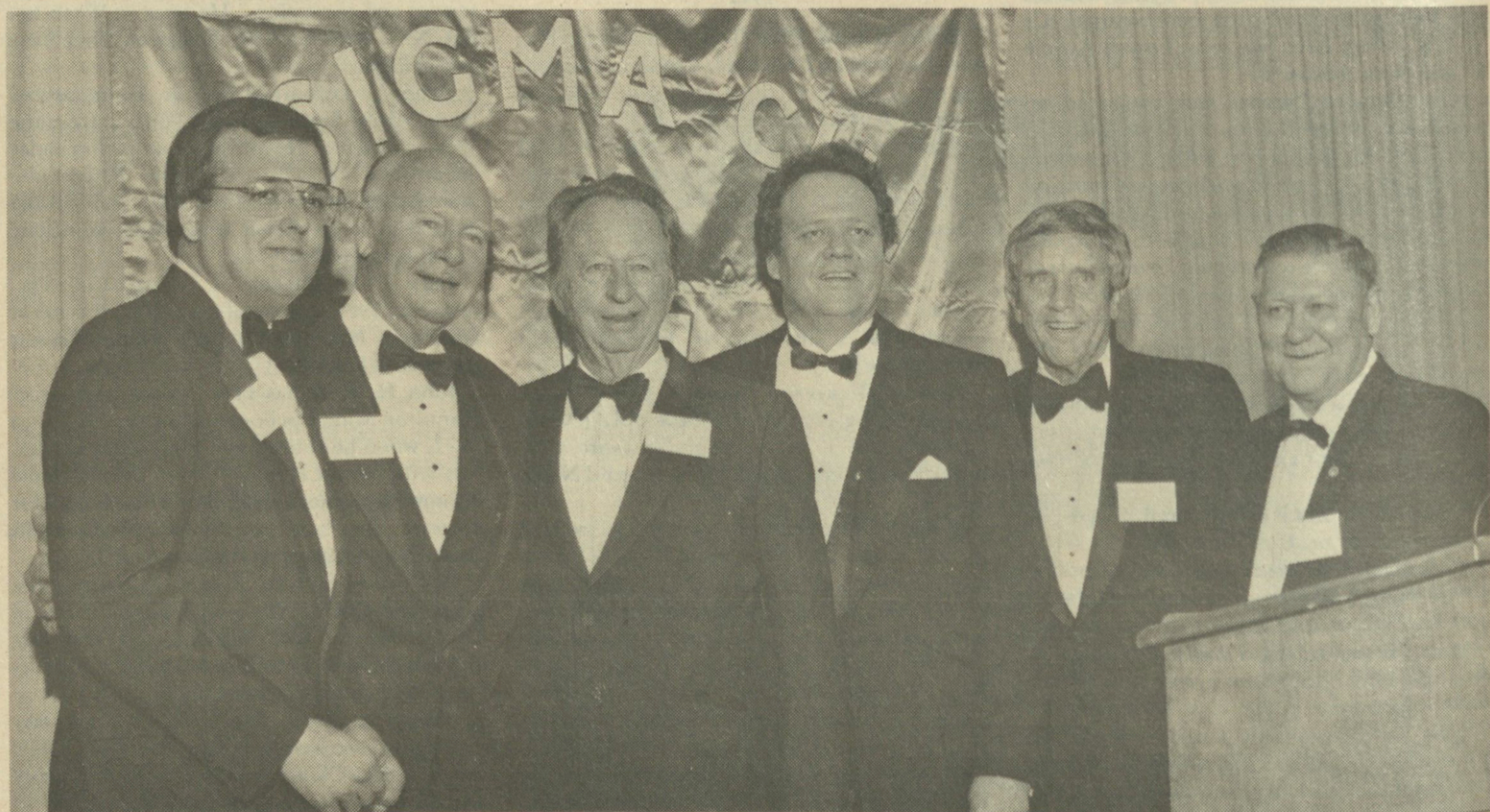
**Andrew J. Powell, Jr.**, of Spartanburg, S.C., is division vice president of manufacturing staff services with M. Lowenstein Corp. His wife, Elizabeth, is president of A & A Designer Gift Wraps.

**Jerry F. Hofferbert** is senior claims adjuster with Bituminous Insurance Companies in Nashville, Tenn. He and his wife, Barbara, have three children—Stanley, Brian, and Dana Marie.

**David Chester Atkinson, Jr.**, of Fairhope is used car sales manager with Gaston Ford-Lincoln-Mercury. His wife, Carole, is a registered nurse at Thomas Hospital.

**Elizabeth Byers Herrin** lives in Huntsville with her husband, William Weldon Herrin, Jr., who is a partner in Jones and Herrin, Architects. They have two children, Blake, who is a student at Auburn, and Catherine, a senior in high school.

**William Walker Ziebach** of Mobile is an account administrator with IBM Corp. He and



**FRATERNITY HONORS**—Sigma Chi fraternity alumni yearly honor members whose accomplishments "have brought honor and prestige to the name of Sigma Chi." Before 1985 only five were from Alabama and none of them Auburn graduates. This years two Auburn alumni, both from Mobile were were honored: Kenneth R. Giddins '31 for his contributions in communications including his service as director of Voice of America and David D. Roberts, Sr., '39 for his accomplishments in real estate. Pictured at a banquet honoring the two are, from left, Kenneth C. Kvalheim, president of the Mobile Sigma Chi alumni chapter; Mr. Roberts; Mr. Giddins, Keith B. Sorensen, president of Sigma Chi International; Earl P. Andrews, Jr., '49, chairman of the Significant Sig Banquet, and Herbert E. Drake '41, grand praetor of the Sigma Chi Southeastern Province.



his wife, Carolyn, have three children, Glenn Thompson '85, Janet Thompson, and Melinda Ziebach.

Joseph Samuel Boland, III, of Auburn is assistant dean of engineering and a professor of electrical engineering at Auburn University. His wife, Rowena, is a media specialist at Auburn. They have two sons, Russ and Allen.

Larry E. Carmack of Phenix City is secretary/treasurer of the Phenix Foundry. His wife, Wynnette, is the bookkeeper with the Phenix Foundry.

Mary John Seymore Lewis of Anniston is married to Arthur Lewis, DDS, and is a part-time dental receptionist at her husband's practice.

Atilio Ignatius Corte, Jr., of Fairhope is owner of Plantation Pointe Shopping Center and a partner in A.A. Corte & Sons cattle and farming. He and his wife, Barbara Yarborough '64, have two children, Teal Corte, III, who is a student at Auburn, and Del A. Corte.

#### 1962-1965

Louis F. Bone '62 of Columbus, Ga., is decorative fabrics development manager for WestPoint Pepperell's Industrial Fabrics Division at the Columbus mill. He and his wife, Fayellen, have a son, Louis F., Jr.

Charles Clark '63 has been chosen STAR teacher for the third time at Fitzgerald High School in Fitzgerald, Ga., where he has taught science since 1967. A STAR student is a high school senior with the school's highest score on the SAT. A STAR teacher is chosen by the STAR student as the teacher who has contributed most to the student's academic development. As head of the science department, Mr. Clark taught this year's student, Danny Czaja, physics and biology.

Howard W. Parker '64 of Norcross, Ga., is manager of Metals Industry for Siemens Energy & Automation, Inc. Howard writes that he "would like to hear from friends from the surrounding Georgia and Alabama areas."

Bobby N. Crowe '64 recently returned from a 5-year tour in Germany and now lives in Pennsylvania with sons Stephen, 16, and Brian, 14. His oldest son, David, attends college in Texas. Bobby is assigned to the Operations and Readiness Division, Army Logistics Evaluation Agency, in New Cumberland, Pa. He is responsible for the Army general maintenance policy.

Thomas D. Stringfellow '65 and his wife, Marianne McGinty '65, have moved to Temple, Tex., with their children, Susanna, 16, Mae, 15, and Cliff, 13, who are all avid soccer players. Tom is vice president and manager of the peripheral products division of Texas Instruments. Marianne is working on her real estate broker's license and is "still unpacking boxes."

#### 1966-1969

Ron Castille '66 is district attorney for the City of Philadelphia. A single-leg amputee as the result of combat wounds in Vietnam in 1967, he is secretary of the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. He lives in the Center City section of Philadelphia with his wife, Judy.

Sue B. O'Neill '66 is executive of the Alabama Primary Health Care Association in Montgomery.

Robert G. Vick '68 is vice president-marketing for Stockham in Birmingham. He has been with the company since 1968.

John R. Rice '69 is county supervisor for the Alabama Forestry Commission in Blount County. He lives in Oneonta with his wife, Kay.

W. Donald Rutland '69 is president and chief operating officer of Peachtree Corners, Inc., a real estate investment development company in Atlanta, Ga. He and his wife, Judi, live in Sandy Springs.

BORN: A daughter, Taylor Caroline, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Donald Hughes '69 of Haleyville on Sept. 2. She joins brothers Carter, 11, and Scott, 5.

#### 1970

Arthur B. Hammond has been named controller of Bethlehem Steel's Shape and Rail Products Division. He has most recently been working in Paris, France, at a body components division of Rockwell International.

Warren Greene has joined Adair Associates/Advertising in Atlanta, Ga., as executive vice president and partner. For the last two



**CHEERING ON TIGERS**—Named cheerleaders for 1986-87 after recent tryouts are from left, first row, Carla Brabston of Mobile, Rhonda Blackburn of Huntsville, Nancy Crenshaw of Fort Deposit, Debbie Webb of Birmingham, Candra Smoak of Birmingham, Nancy Johnston of Atlanta, and Melanie Sivley of Birmingham. In the second row are Mike Pauley of LaGrange, Ga., Barry Basden of Tusculumbia, Link Forester of Roswell, Ga., Wayne Harris of Selma, John James of Anniston, Thomas Walkup of Auburn, and Erick Smith of Kennesaw, Ga. Standing at back is head cheerleader Ruddy Polhill of Birmingham.

years he has been a senior vice president and creative director for McDonald & Little in Atlanta and earlier worked with a series of major New York agencies.

William A. Watts, III, of Birmingham has been elected secretary of the Birmingham Area Board of Realtors.

David W. Yeager has been appointed commanding officer of the ship, the *Davidson*, which belongs to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The NOAA Corps is not a branch of the military and is involved in seabed surveying. He and his wife, Sharon, and their two children live in Seattle, Wash.

#### 1971

Capt. James C. Fussell has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal at Holloman AFB, N.M. The award is given for outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement or service to the United States. He is an instructor pilot with the 434th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron.

Bruce M. Matheny has been named validation manager for the Opelika Uniroyal tire manufacturing plant. He has worked for Uniroyal for 14 years and lives in Opelika with his wife, Jill, and son, Stephen, 9.

Hughel Goodgame, Jr., is a CPA with the firm of Goodgame and Bennet, P.C., in Anniston. He is also president of the Calhoun-Cleburne Auburn Club.

BORN: A daughter, Megan Leigh, to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Everson, Jr., of Blakely, Ga., on Oct. 22. She joins brother Kyle, 2. James is assistant principal at Early County Elementary School in Blakely.

#### 1972-1973

Pfc. Ann A. Graham '72 has completed basic training at Ft. Dix, N.J.

Andrew J. Sharpe, Jr., '72 is vice president of sales and marketing for MPH Crane, Inc., a manufacturer of overhead material handling systems. He lives in Dayton, Ohio, with his wife, Linda, and their children, Jennifer, 3, and Andy Joe, 1.

Dave Dyson '72 received the Clarence W. Allgood Alumnus of the Year Award given by the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at Auburn during the Founder's Day Banquet on April 26. He is associate vice president for planning and alumni affairs at Birmingham-Southern College.

MARRIED: Jacquelin Smith '73 to Cobb Mac Golson, Jr., '62 on Dec. 21. They live in Ft. Deposit.

Sharon M. Pharo to William R. Myers '73 on Feb. 1. They live in Birmingham.

BORN: Twin sons, Jacob and Duncan, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ward '73 on Jan. 9. Paul is a project manager with C.T. Main, Engineers, Inc., in Charlotte, N.C. The twins join brothers and sisters Cicely, 12, Emily, 10, Jeremy, 8, and Hannah, 3, in Pineville, N.C.

A daughter, Leigh Brannon, to Dr. and Mrs. David M. Sarver '73 (Valerie Tonetti '74) of Birmingham on March 19. Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Sarver, Jr., '37 (Molly Brasfield '38). The family lives in Birmingham.

#### 1974

Robert D. Hull has been promoted to special assignments editor in WestPoint Pepperell's Employee Communications department in Valley. He had been working there since 1975. He lives in Valley with his wife, Patricia, and children, Robert Jr., and Carla Ann.

Marlene Saunders Mondragon, her husband, Vince, and their children, Rachel, 10, Adrienne, 7, Vanessa, 6, and Brent, 4, have moved to the Los Angeles, Calif., area.

Paula C. Bozeman is now Paula B. Brown. She and her husband live in Lanett.

BORN: A daughter, Amanda Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Mull (Pamela Vogt) on Dec. 24. They live in Marietta, Ga., and both work for the Social Security Administration—Darryl in management in Atlanta and Pamela as a claims representative in East Point.

A daughter, Claire Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Barnes on March 11. Robert and his wife, Marqueta, live in Bessemer.

A daughter, Hayley Gwendolyn, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClelland (Sally Wallace) on Jan. 13. The family lives in Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada.

#### 1975

Andrew S. Farquhar received the Ph.D. in animal nutrition from Iowa State University during fall term commencement exercises on Dec. 22. He lives in Montgomery where he is assistant director of agriculture for the Alabama Department of Corrections. He and his wife, Kathy, have two sons, James Andrew, 4, and Charles Allen, 22 months.

Robert B. Doyle, III, has joined the Bank of Virginia in Richmond as an administrator of estates and trusts in the Trust Company's Richmond office. He holds a law degree from Cumberland Law School and is also a senior at the National Trust School at Northwestern University.

Coby W. Stockard is now Coby S. Brubaker. She and her husband live in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Laura Lewis Lanier had four specially-commissioned watercolor paintings unveiled in March at the John A. Sibley Horticultural Center at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga. Prints of the paintings, which depict blossoms representative of all four seasons, are available only from Callaway Gardens. Laura lives in Lanett with her husband, Gaines, and their daughters Ashley, 7, and Lindsey, 3.

BORN: A son, Craig Walter, to Dr. and Mrs. David W. Cummings (Lesa Blackwell '76) on Oct. 6. Craig joins sister Lori, 3, in Anniston where David opened his new dental office in December.

A daughter, Jessica Ruth, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Adams on Jan. 22. They live in Opelika.

#### 1976

William Lemuel Hall is commercial property manager for Gerald D. Hines Interests in Houston, Tex., where he manages Galleria Towers and Halbouty Center office buildings. His wife, Kathleen D. Burns '74, is training and support manager for Synercom Technology, a computer mapping software company in Sugarland, Tex.

James Edward (Ed) Mizzell has been elected a vice president of Luckie & Forney, Inc., Advertising in Birmingham. He joined the firm in 1982 and has served as account executive and account group supervisor. He and his wife, Gwen J. Mann '75, live in Birmingham.

Michael J. Russell has been promoted to assistant vice president of Fulton Federal Savings and Loan Association in Atlanta. He is a manager in the association's internal audit department. Michael and his wife, Kathy, live in Lilburn, Ga., with their daughter, Kristy.

Michael D. Wren of Atlanta has been promoted to assistant vice president of AmSouth Financial Corp.

William A. Wilson, Jr., is the superintendent at Pine Tree Country Club in Birmingham. He and his wife, Ann, live in Homewood with their sons, Jim, 6, and Brian, 2.

BORN: A daughter, Christine Mary, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lee Henderson (Kathy Graves) on March 11. They live in New York City.

A son, Scott Cooper, to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Louis Hess of Panama City, Fla., on Dec. 27. He joins a sister, Sarah, 4½.

#### 1977

Donald C. Boshell works at Walker Regional Center in Jasper. He and his wife, Becky, live in Carbon Hill.

Robert W. Wilkerson of Birmingham has



been promoted to assistant vice president at SouthTrust Bank.

Steven Lee Johnson of Birmingham has been promoted to branch officer at SouthTrust Bank.

Garrell Steven Wallace has been named operations control officer for First Alabama Bank's operations center in Birmingham which serves 23 locations around the state.

J. Travis Goodwin of Schaumburg, Ill., has been named sales representative of the Chicago metropolitan sales area for Rexnord Chemical Products of Milwaukee, Wis. The company makes adhesives and cement products.

**BORN:** A daughter, Jennifer Ellyn, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Landers (Laura Snell) of Roanoke on Dec. 30. She joins a brother, Clayton, 3.

A daughter, Anna Virginia, to Mr. and Mrs. John F. Straussberger (Emily Newman) on March 30. They live in Chattanooga, Tenn., where John is vice president of Bencor Construction and Emily has taken a leave of absence from her job at Allied Corp. in Dalton, Ga.

A daughter, Laurie Claire, to Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crouch, Jr., (Claire Browning) of Griffin, Ga., on Dec. 9.

1978

Herman L. Wolfe, Jr., is principal in the firm of Askew, Nixon, Ferguson and Wolfe, one of Memphis' largest architectural firms, which has recently begun offering facility management as one of its services.

Arthur R. Thompson, assistant division credit manager for wood product sales at Georgia Pacific Corp., will receive an MBA with a major in finance from Mercer University in Atlanta in May. He and his wife, Debi, live in Roswell, Ga., with their children, Michael, 3, and Amanda, 1.

Thomas K. Lawman is a pilot for Northwest Orient Airlines. He lives in Apple Valley, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Johnson, Jr., (Anne Mitchell) have recently moved to Birmingham. They have two children—Jay Brown, 5, and Graham Lucas, 3—and expect another child in May.

**BORN:** A daughter, Kathryn Leslie, to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cole (Nancy Blue) of Greer, S.C. They would like to send a special thank you to one of her doctors, Dr. Randy Webb '77.

A daughter, Katherine Hampton, to Lt. and Mrs. Steven S. Anderson of Mayport, Fla. She joins a sister, Elizabeth, 5.

Twin sons, David Roy, III, and Richard Morris, to Mr. and Mrs. David Brantley (Sharon Hornsby) of Opelika on Jan. 11.

1979

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Wheeler (Gay Marie Miller) have moved to DeLand, Fla., with their children Rachal, 4, and Cori, 2. Robert has purchased and is operating the Longleaf Forest Products Co., a millwork manufacturing company.

Edwin B. Wells has been nominated for biographical inclusion in the fourth edition of "Personalities of America" to be published in mid-1986 by the American Biographical Institute of Raleigh, N.C.

Stephen J. Newton of Daphne graduated from Auburn in pharmacy in 1984. He is now a registered pharmacist working for Doctors Hospital in Mobile.

Dewey W. English, Jr., of Madison, Miss., is the assistant city editor for the *Jackson Daily News*.

Martha Ellen Dothard is now Martha Dothard Taylor. She lives in Dadeville.

**BORN:** A son, Clark David, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lynn Richardson of Dalton, Ga., on March 12. He joins a brother, Jon.

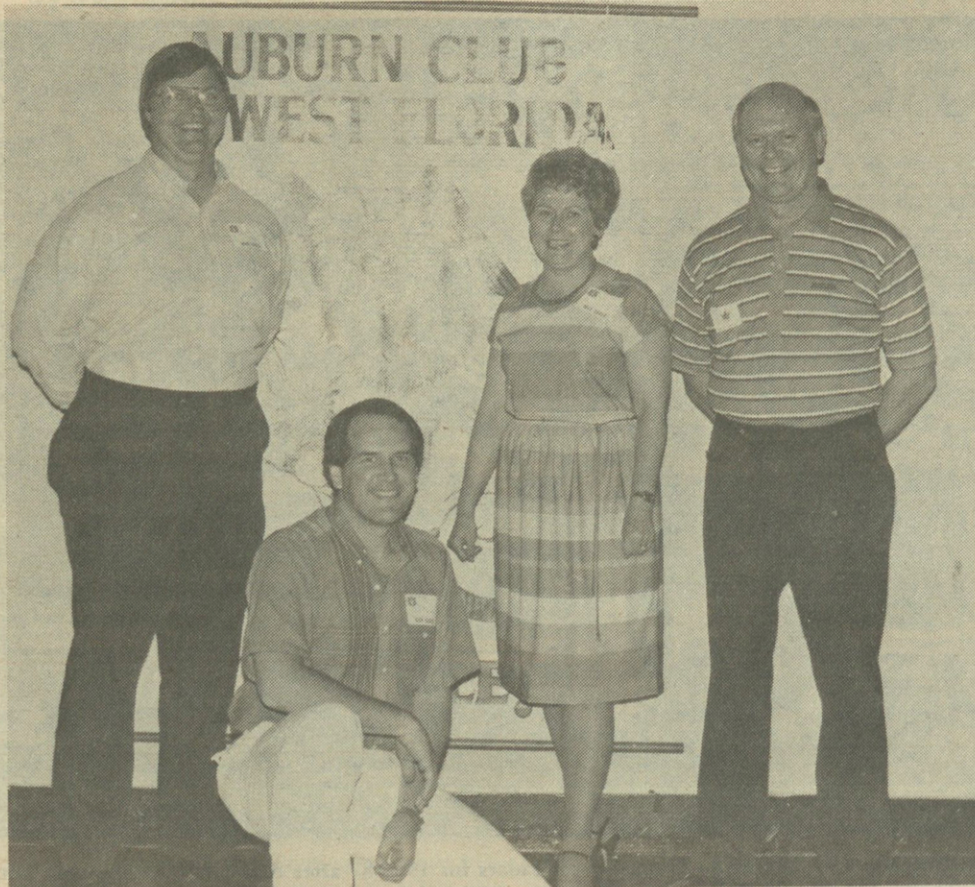
A son, Tyson Graham, to Mr. and Mrs. George D. Thaxton, IV, (Selena Harrelson) of North Augusta, S.C.

A son, Michael Joseph, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe McNair (Ellen Galvin) of Montgomery. He joins a sister, Marie, 3.

A daughter, Kathleen Avery, to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Patterson (Patricia Ann Patterson) of Birmingham on June 7, 1984.

1980

Guy Bradley has been promoted to audit officer at SouthTrust Corp. in Birmingham.



**WEST FLORIDA OFFICERS**—Pictured at the recent meeting of the West Florida Auburn Club are, left to right, Clyde R. (Buddy) Choat, Jr., '71, vice president; John Rick Mayfield '78, vice president; Diana Dalton Mayo '59, membership chairman; and Earl B. Parsons, Jr., '60, president.

—Photo by Sheila Eckman

Sarah Gilchrist Weingarten has been promoted to director of human resources at Sherman Industries in Birmingham.

Lt. James Edward Kieffhaber has completed a 4-month deployment to Adak, Alaska, with the Navy Patrol Squadron VP-48. He has recently received orders to Pensacola NAS where he will be flight instructor for all new Navy aviators. His wife, Jayne, and 2-year-old son, Andy, will join him there.

Leola Elizabeth Bowen is now Leola B. Herring. She lives in Clinton, N.C.

Jeanne Marie Twiggs is now Jeanne T. Heidler. She lives in Salisbury, Md.

**MARRIED:** Katherine Elizabeth Kraft to William M. Decker on Nov. 9. They live in Atlanta where she and her husband work at the First National Bank of Atlanta. Kathy is assistant vice president in the national accounts division and Bill is vice president in the money management division.

Susan Collins to Stephen Finlen on Feb. 22. They are living in Birmingham.

**BORN:** A son, Nathaniel Bowditch, to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Dermody (Cheryl Crauswell) of Birmingham on Dec. 7.

A son, Nicholas Alan, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Alan Davis (Martha Studstill) of Opelika, on Dec. 2.

A daughter, Rebecca Alexander, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rush (Mary Lou Crocker) on Feb. 18. Howard has opened an office with United Services Planning Association & Independent Research Agency as a registered representative and agent in Mobile.

1981

Dole E. Hardy has been promoted to captain in the Air Force. He is a missile combat crew member at Ellsworth AFB, S.D., with the 68th Strategic Missile Squadron.

Eric L. Smith was commissioned Navy ensign after completing a 13-week course at the Aviation Officer Candidate School at Pensacola NAS, Fla.

Chris J. Butterworth and his wife, Carol Baldwin, are now living in Mobile. Chris transferred from Birmingham with Aetna Life & Casualty and is the regional senior marketing representative. Carol works for the Modern Communications Group, Inc., as production manager and budget coordinator.

Robin Kimberly Hargrove has been named good health school coordinator for St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham. She will be in charge of community education, health, and lifestyle programs for the hospital.

Capt. Warren A. Walton has received the

Lt. Col. Carl D. McFerren, II, was recently involved in a NATO-sponsored exercise in Germany where he participated in the Army's return of forces to Germany and the Air Force's Crested Cap exercises. Carl is a brigade executive officer with the 1st Infantry Division at Ft. Riley, Kan.

Susan Lynne Davis is now Susan Davis Kloda and lives in Baton Rouge, La.

Stacy Anita Haygood is now Stacy Haygood Price. She lives in Cumming, Ga.

Kimberlee Ann Adams is now Kimberlee Adams Roberts and lives in East Brewton, Ala.

**MARRIED:** Angel Rhea West to Banks Thomas Smith in March. They live in Dothan.

Mary Lee Rhyne to Scott R. Jacobs on May 4, 1985. They live in Atlanta where Mary is a claims representative for American Mutual Insurance Companies.

Janet Mayes to Benjamin Franklin Burgess on March 15. They live in Americus, Ga., where Benjamin is a sales representative for Redman Homes, covering territories in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, and South Carolina.

**BORN:** A son, Kevin Rand, on Feb. 26 to Lt.(jg.) and Mrs. Paul Himebaugh. Paul is currently serving on the USS Nicholas FFG-47, USN.

A son, Wesley Garrett, on March 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sinor (Donna Allie). They live in New Orleans where Jim is the senior industrial engineer for Wembley Industries, Inc.

A son, James Elliott, on March 4 to Mr. and Mrs. James Walter Mellish (Tamar Ree '80) of West LaFayette, Ind. The maternal grandfather is William Carlton, DVM, '60.

A son, Andrew Wyatt, on Jan. 31 to Dr. and Mrs. Wyatt L. (Butch) Godfrey (Carolyn Edwards '77) of Danville, Ky. Butch is a partner in Nash, Cleveland & Godfrey, DVM, and Carolyn teaches in the city school system.

1982

Thomas Hicks Howard works for Vermont American in the Auburn industrial park as a cost accountant. His wife, Marilyn Morris, is a registered dietitian at East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika.

Stephen Craig Price is an assistant sports director and television sports anchor in Huntsville. His wife, Joy Ree Wheelles, is a graphic artist for BDM Corp. They recently celebrated their third anniversary.

Ken Sheffield is an industrial engineer at Neptune Water Meter Co. in Tallassee.

**MARRIED:** Laura L. Lippert to Phillip A.



**HOME EC OFFICERS**—New Officers of the Home Economics Alumni Association installed at the group's recent meeting are, from left, Georgia Portwood Aycock '70, hospitality chairman; Jane Cummings Brewer '59, president; and Dr. Elizabeth Young Davis '57, president elect.



Roberts on Aug. 31. They live in Villa Hills, Ky., and Phillip works for Daniel International in Florence, Ky.

Stacey Beth Hader to Dr. David C. Epstein on Feb. 23. They live in Atlanta where Stacey is copywriter.

Brenda Faye Hafley to William Daniel Reid on Feb. 22. They live in Pike Road. Brenda is with First Alabama Bank in Montgomery and William is with Creative Leasing in Birmingham.

Karen Lyn Carter to Robbie Wilson on Jan. 4. They live in Birmingham.

Jennifer Grace Roy to Phelan Booth Savage on March 15. Jennifer works with the Alabama Public Service Commission and Phelan is employed by the USDA Farmers Home Administration.

Lisa Day Dillehay to David Paul Barrett Price on Feb. 22. They live in Birmingham.

Angela Lynn Conway to David Barton Payne on Feb. 14.

**BORN:** A daughter, Lauren Jaye, to Mr. and Mrs. Mike John Ferros (Donna Jaye Adams), on April 1. The Ferros live in Albany, Ga., where Mike is a lieutenant with the Georgia State Patrol aviation unit and Donna works for the Department of Human Resources.

A son, Tyler Ward, to Mr. and Mrs. James B. Broome (Robin Lowe '81) on Aug. 2. James is a promotions editor for Harcourt Brace Jovanovich Publishers in Orlando, and Robin is a graphic designer for Sunbelt Marketing Services in Apopka, Fla.

A son, Matthew Brice, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Brice Wager (Linda White) on Jan. 7. They live in Matthews, N.C. Matthew's grandfather is Dr. W.F. Wager '55.

1983

John E. Kinsaul, Jr., has received the silver wings of an Army aviator and was appointed a warrant officer upon completion of the rotary wing aviator course at the Army Aviation School at Ft. Rucker.

John G. Lukens is project manager for Beavers, Albertson & Associates, a general contracting firm in Atlanta. His wife, Karen Haley '82, works for AT&T in the public relations office in Atlanta. They live in Norcross, Ga.

1/Lt. James M. McVay has been decorated with the Air Force Achievement Medal at Langley AFB, Va. The medal is awarded to airmen for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments. James is chief of Warning and ID Systems Section with the Tactical Information Systems Division.

**MARRIED:** Mercedes Elizabeth Kelly to John Russell Wise on Feb. 22 in Pell City.

**BORN:** A son, Samuel Alexander, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ochoa of Auburn on Feb. 3. He joins sister, Berh.

A daughter, Allison Daphne, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Huntley (Daphne White '81) of Decatur, Ga., on Feb. 5. Frederick works for Credit Claims and Collections, and Daphne works for the DeKalb County Board of Education as a high school English teacher.

A daughter, Marjorie Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Hannon, Jr., of Mobile on Dec. 27. Paul recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of the opening of Hannon Veterinary Clinic.

1984

2/Lts. James M. Willis, Mark D. Moore, and David C. Jones have graduated from pilot training and received silver wings at Reese AFB, Tex.

Rebecca Jane Wilson received her master's in speech communication from Auburn in 1985 and is now a North Alabama representative for the Alabama Easter Seal Society.

2/Lt. Robert S. Richard recently graduated with honors from the 3401 Technical Training Squadron at Keesler AFB, Miss. He works as a manpower management officer at Detachment 21, 4400 Management Engineering Squadron at Langley AFB, Va.

Rebecca Lynn Mattox is now Rebecca Mattox Gwarjonski. She lives in Birmingham.

Ens. Charles G. Walker has graduated from Officer Candidate School.

**MARRIED:** Karen Willisson to Lt. Robin Davis '83. They live on Eielson AFB, Alaska.

Della Ann Nemec to Lloyd E. Easton. Lloyd is a professional pilot for Harcourt Brace Jovanovich and Della teaches kindergarten at a private school in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Alice A. Bourque '85 to Joel Wesley Ellis. They live in Roswell, Ga.

Claire Anne Verpillot to George Andrew Wilson. They live in Atlanta.

Tracey Lynn Hughes to Richard Franklin Barber on Feb. 22 in Birmingham. They live in Talladega.

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Ken Paulk Cope is East Central and Southeast Alabama representative for the Alabama Easter Seal Society. Ken was Aubie during the 1984-85 year at Auburn.

Charles C. Jinks, Kenneth L. Unger, William E. Swayze, Jason M. Poyer, Anje D. Deocampo, Russell G. Colbert, and Robert D. Mayfield have all been commissioned as Navy ensigns upon their graduation from Officer Candidate School.

Richard Wayne Forrester has graduated from the 53rd Basic Mandate training class of the Clayton County, Ga., Regional Police Academy. He is now a patrolman with the East Point, Ga., police department.

Mitchell Allen Adams of Marietta, Ga., is an associate manufacturing engineer for Lockheed-Georgia Co.

Russell Adams Lowrey, Jr., is "taking it easy and learning to snow ski at Beech Mountain, N.C.," while job hunting.

Marine 2/Lt. Tracy L. Martin has completed the Ground Supply Officers' course at Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he also studied the support activities supply systems.

Lila Fay Pegram works for Sverdrup Technology in Tullahoma, Tenn.

Natalie Anne Pellegrini of Marietta, Ga., works for Williams-Kambas, Inc., a professional wealth management company.

Barbara Diane Roberts is a design consultant for Susan Teaver Interior Design in LaGrange, Ga.

2/Lt. Patrick G. Shubird has completed a signal officer basic course at the Army Signal School, Ft. Gordon, Ga.

Gregory Lane Young is a program analyst with Applied Research, Inc., in Huntsville.

Cynthia Hall Padera is now Cynthia Padera Rutz. She lives in Orlando, Fla.

Melanie Jean Crockett is now Melanie C. Miles and lives in Dothan.

**MARRIED:** Valerie Rhea Bendall to Alan Jeffrey Collier '83 in January. They live in Birmingham where Jeff is a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch and Valerie is a special events coordinator with Parisian's.

Nancy Leigh Taylor to Herbert Lee Dearmin, III, on Feb. 22 in Hartselle. They live in Huntsville.

Ronda A. Vaughn to Randy C. West on March 15. Randy is a student at Auburn in civil engineering and will graduate in 1987.

Stephanie Kay Dismukes to James Kirk Roberts on Feb. 22 in Montgomery. Stephanie works at Greengate School and James attends Huntingdon College while working for the Strickland Paper Co. of Birmingham.

Kimberly Elizabeth Hughston to David Richard Roberts on March 15 in Birmingham.

Robyn Lee Windham to Casey Lewis Jones on Feb. 14 in Birmingham.

**BORN:** A son, Jacob Jeffrey, to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hill of Goodwater on Feb. 17.

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John H. McEachern, III, has been employed for the past 12 years at the Opelika Police Dept., while pursuing his degree in criminal justice at Auburn.

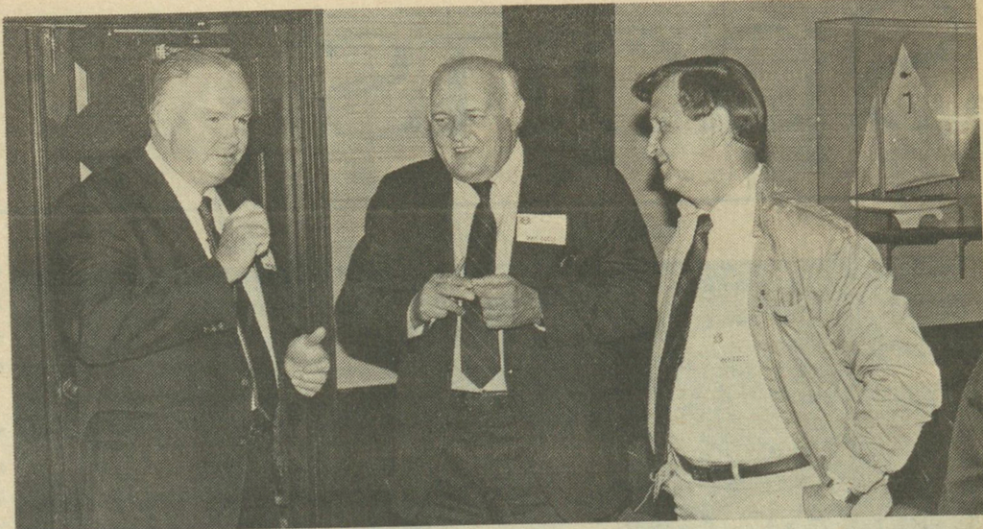
Kenneth Thomas Peacock is an associate computer systems designer for Martin Marietta in Orlando, Fla.

**MARRIED:** Cynthia Elizabeth Mayfield to Travis Lloyd Hendrix. They live in Birmingham.

## Arnold Air Society

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Arnold Air Society Squadron have included the POW/MIA Awareness Day presentation at last fall's Southern Mississippi football game, the Tiger Trot Road Race which raised money for the March of Dimes, several blood drives, and volunteer work at Camp ASCCA and various senior citizens' homes. This year, the Arnold Air Society has chosen teenage suicide prevention as its national project.



**MOBILE CLUB**—Pictured at a recent meeting of the Mobile Auburn Club are, left to right, top photo: George Atkins '55, Lonnie Pardue '53, and Wayne Owens '61. Second photo: Lynn Binet, C. Mike Reichley '66, Mary Coker Reichley, and Gene E. Binet '65. Third photo: Club officers, seated, Rolfe (Tex) Harper '75, president; Leigh Anne Ingram Fleming, special events coordinator; Walter D. Verneville '76, vice president. Standing are John P. Fonde '77, treasurer, Rob L. Moreland '78, secretary, Robert A. Greer '76, past president, and Robert (Spooky) Corrigan '80, publicity chairman. In the bottom photo are Ben W. Hutson '34, Mariam Hutson, and Dr. Al D. Reed '52.



# Sports



**ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP DONORS**—Pictured during the activities of the Athletic Scholarship Donors Weekend in April are, from top: Bob and Dee Steely; Scott, Jayne, and Grant Crawford; Deles Price, Pat Sullivan, and Ella Austin. At right are Ed and Merle Vaiden.

## AU Clinches Playoff Berth, But Dies by the Long Ball to Finish Surprising Season

By Dan Shell

During Auburn's Sesquicentennial A-Day weekend, the Auburn Tiger baseball team swept the Volunteers from Tennessee 2-1, 11-5, and 13-6 to assure themselves of a playoff berth at the SEC Tournament held May 9, 10, and 11 in Baton Rouge, La.

Auburn ace pitcher Mark Chapman pitched perhaps his best game as a Tiger in the first game of a double-header after the A-Day game, scattering five hits, striking out eight, and allowing one run while picking up his seventh win of the season.

In the second game, first baseman Tony Haney almost singlehandedly defeated the Volunteers with his 3-for-3, six RBI performance at the plate. Centerfielder Paul Foster pulled himself out of a recent slump by going 6-for-13 in the series, including a 3-for-5, four RBI outing in Sunday's game.

However, in the opening game of the SEC Tournament two weeks later, the Tigers suffered a devastating loss to Alabama. After Auburn slugger Tony Haney launched a two-run shot to break a 5-5 tie in the 11th inning, the Tide rallied in the bottom half to win with a solo homer and a two-out, two-run blast off ace bullpen pitcher Scott Tillery.

In the loser's bracket Saturday, the long ball struck Auburn again. Tiger pitchers gave up three homers in losing to Georgia as the Bulldogs came from behind to win 11-7. After leading 7-4 going into the fourth inning, Auburn pitcher Stacey Jones was chased to the showers by a pair of two-run homers, one in the bottom of the fourth, and another in the bottom of the seventh. Auburn was still in the game, trailing 8-7 in the eighth, when reliever Gregg Olson gave up a two-run homer to

cap a three-run inning to give Georgia its final margin.

However, second-year Coach Hal Baird can't call the season disappointing. Supposedly rebuilding, the Tigers compiled a 23-6 home record, including a near-perfect 11-1 slate against Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Kentucky, and Tennessee. On the road in the SEC, Auburn took two of three from Vanderbilt and Florida to offset sweeps at Alabama, Georgia, and LSU. The Tigers finished the season with a 31-22 record, 15-12 in the SEC.

Senior outfielder Paul Foster, who led the SEC in hitting a year ago, continued his torrid pace, batting around .370. Third baseman Mark Sayers also hit well throughout the campaign, his average around .350 as the regular season ended. First baseman Tony Haney also hit over .300, and his grand slam opened an insurmountable lead in Auburn's 10-1 win over Alabama May 1 in Dothan. Outfielder Trey Gainous, also a split end for Pat Dye, was the team's sparkplug, coming up with clutch hits and timely defensive plays all season long. He led the team in stolen bases with 13 and the SEC in triples with eight.

Righthander Mark Chapman led the pitching staff with a 3.59 ERA and picked up eight wins. Two freshmen came through as Gregg Olson had a fine debut season with a 6-3 record and ERA of 5.00, and Stacey Jones' 3.12 ERA was fifth best in the league. Greg Jacobson, Ron Siwa, Scott Tillery, and Charlie Smith accounted for Auburn's other wins.

**Baseball Notes:** Mike Pirro, a third baseman from Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, N.Y., has signed a baseball grant-in-aid with Auburn, joining pitcher Tommy Youngblood of Auburn and outfielder John Moore of Greenville, Ala., as Auburn's third baseball signee.

Pirro, a graduate of Henninger High School in Syracuse, is currently batting .392 for Onondaga's 13-1 squad. He's in his second year of junior college and will have two years of eligibility at Auburn.





## Letter to Alumni About Athletics

In this annual report to our alumni and friends, I want to address two very important issues, the need to abide by NCAA and SEC rules and the need to ensure and maintain academic integrity.

When I came to Auburn five years ago, we pledged to give you, the Auburn people, an athletic program that would compete for championships within the rules and framework of the SEC and the NCAA. We pledged to give you a quality athletic program in which you could take pride and enjoy supporting. Our commitment is the same today as it was in 1981.

As athletic director, I feel secure with our system of checks and balances. We have one of the most comprehensive monitoring programs in the country. The program involves a lot of work for our coaches, but if we have a problem, it is far better to identify and correct it internally than to have someone from outside identify and report it. We are committed to keeping our own house in order. We would rather report ourselves than have someone else do it for us.

We do not need to be making mistakes because of ignorance. That's the oldest excuse used, but it is no excuse, not for those of us within the Athletic Department or for those of you who want to help our program.

Because of the number and complexity of NCAA and SEC rules and regulations it is especially important that all staff, alumni, and friends be extra careful. Even though you may not work for the Athletic Department and may not think of yourself as a representative of our athletic interests, you could get our athletic program in major trouble or cause a major embarrassment if you act without knowing the rules or without checking with us first.

If you are an alumnus or friend of Auburn, if you have ever contributed to the program, or if you have promoted it in any way—even orally or by card or letter—you could be considered a representative of our athletic interests and, as such, we could be held accountable for your actions.

Once a student becomes a student-athlete, he or she is a student-athlete forever and any award or gift given to that student for his or her athletic ability or accomplishment could be in violation of the rules. It makes no difference whether it is one month or 25 years after the last day of eligibility, no award or gift of monetary value (other than plaques approved in advance by the Athletic Department) may be presented to an athlete or former athlete if the presentation is made on the basis of athletic ability. It is important to remember that the NCAA does not set a well-defined time limit as to when an athlete becomes a prospect or ceases to be an athlete.

In past years, several alumni groups have expressed a desire to give special awards to athletes who had completed their eligibility. If the award is given in appreciation for an individual's athletic contributions and has monetary value, the group could be in violation of NCAA rules and could get our program in trouble. Please call the Athletic Department before you are involved in any award presentation.

There are far too many rules, regulations, and interpretations for us to go into here. Any action on your part could result in considerable trouble, difficulty, or embarrassment for our department and for Auburn University. This is why we ask you to check with us no matter how good your intentions may be. Call Oval Jaynes, our associate athletic director. If he doesn't know the answer, he can get it for you.

Now to our second area of concern, academic integrity.

As all of us are aware from recent news accounts, this is indeed a critical time for intercollegiate athletics. Auburn University is doing its part in maintaining the integrity of the academic process and intercollegiate athletics. With the leadership of President Martin, Dr. Wilford Bailey, secretary-treasurer of the NCAA and secretary of the SEC, and Dr. Joe Boland, chairman of our Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, we are setting the pace in monitoring our student-athletes' overall academic performance. This includes a very detailed plan to assure that our student-athletes are making normal progress toward a degree.

We have three full-time people involved in the academic support program for our 610 athletes to make sure they are making satisfactory progress toward a degree and that they meet eligibility requirements of the NCAA, the SEC, and Auburn University.

In addition, we have a special committee advising us on what we can do to help our student-athletes cope with the pressures of college life on the athletic field and in the classroom. That committee consists of some of our most respected faculty and staff members: Dr. Jane Moore, Professor of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; Dean Edward Hobbs, Arts and Sciences; Prof. Edward Jones, Assistant Dean of Engineering; Dr. Claude Gossett, President of the Faculty Senate and Professor of Music; Dr. Willie Larkin, Cooperative Extension Service; and Dr. Margaret Latimer, Professor of Political Science. These individuals have given us invaluable assistance in our efforts to encourage and assist our athletes to do as well in the classroom as they do on the field or on the court.

As athletic director, it is satisfying to know that we are doing everything we can do to keep from having some of the problems others across the country are having.

At Auburn we are recruiting only those high school athletes who are capable of succeeding academically in college. We want an education to mean something to the people we recruit. A degree should be the primary goal of every student-athlete. We inform every student-athlete during recruiting and upon enrollment that we will provide all of the academic support he or she needs to get a degree. If they are willing to work to earn a degree, then our goal is to provide them with all of the academic support and encouragement they need to reach their goal.

As coaches we have to live with the pressures of winning and, at the same time, maintain the academic integrity of the school. A good coach, the right kind of coach,



**OCALA AUBURN CLUB**—Pictured at the Ocala, Fla., Auburn Club meeting and golf tournament on May 2 are: top photo, left to right, Robert J. Prins, winner of the golf tournament and father of two Auburn students; Nelson H. Salabarría '82, R. Duke Woodson '72, and Robert G. Denman '60. In the center photo are Robert B. Cater '46 and Frances Welch Cater. At the bottom are Jonathan Lewerenz, Peggy Coe Lewerenz '78, and Eric J. Lewerenz.

—Photos by Sheila Eckman

worries just as much about where an athlete will be 10 or 15 years from now as he does about how well that athlete is doing on the court or on the field. Any coach who doesn't feel that way ought not to be in coaching because he or she has missed the real purpose of intercollegiate athletics. We don't want anyone on our staff who doesn't have as his or her primary concern the total well-being of the athletes in our care.

As Dean Hare said so well long ago, "Athletics make men strong, study makes men wise, and character makes men great." That has been and will continue to be our commitment to Auburn, to Auburn people, and to the young men and women who choose to further their educational and athletic careers here.



## Men's Tennis Impressive; Women Improving

By Dan Shell

Auburn's men's tennis team, coming off a disappointing 10th place finish in 1985, was holding a 6-1 SEC record this season, including big wins over several of the nation's top tennis teams. The Tigers, 20-13 overall, have rolled to victories in their last three outings, defeating Alabama 5-4, Ole Miss 5-4, and Mississippi State 7-2.

"I would say we're in a particularly unlikely situation right now," said Coach Hugh Thomson. "Looking at our fall and early spring season records, I don't think anybody would have figured we would be playing so well now. I certainly didn't expect us to win 20 matches this season, and I would have said it was beyond our reach back then."

The Tigers also boast three 20-plus match winners in their lineup with Kyle Anderson (24-10), Marcel van der Merwe (22-10), and Ian Russell (20-14). But, according to Thomson, Auburn's success has been a team effort in 1986. "The whole team is a bunch of fighters who have given 100 percent every time they've stepped on the court," he said. "No one has let us down; they've all contributed and won the big matches when they were on the line."

In women's tennis action, Auburn's women traveled to Athens, Ga., on April 26 and 27, and closed out their 1985-86 season with a 10th place finish at the SEC Championships.

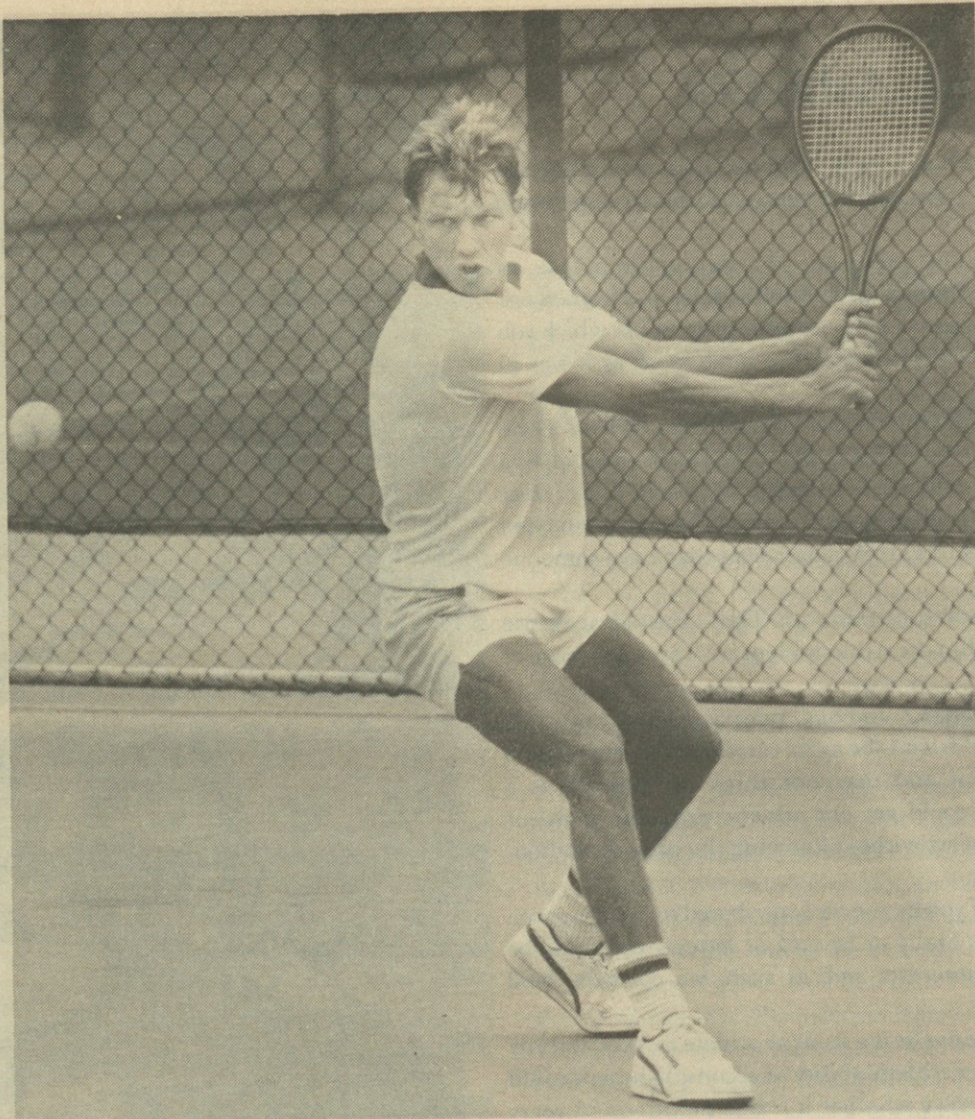
"Obviously, we're not proud of our 10th place finish," said Lady Tiger Coach Susie Fain, "but we just didn't play the quality tennis that we've been playing this year. I do believe we're a much-improved team this season and we're beginning to turn our program around."

Fain added that "we went from a 17-22 team last year to a winning 17-13 record in 1986." Also, eight of the Tigers' losses were to Top 25 teams, and they defeated five of the teams that beat them last year. Fain continued, "We have a young, talented team returning next year and, with a little work, I see no reason we can't continue to improve."

Auburn's Marcel van der Merwe advanced to the singles final of the SEC Tennis Tournament held at Luther Young Tennis Center on the Auburn campus May 9-11, pacing the Tigers to a fourth place tie with Alabama and Kentucky. After surviving a scare from Chuck Sobers of Ole Miss and upsetting No. 2 seed Gregg Hahn of Alabama, van der Merwe lost to unseeded Fernando Perez of LSU, 7-6, 6-4. His victory over Hahn set a new Auburn record for singles wins with 92, surpassing Derek Tarr's mark of 91.

Auburn had one doubles team in the finals, but Pat Cassidy and Ian Russell lost to top-seeded Jeff Brown and Jason Noonan of LSU, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The Volunteers of Tennessee dominated the three-day tournament, clinching the team title in Saturday's second round and adding two singles and two doubles crowns to finish first with 25 points. Georgia finished second, followed by LSU and the three fourth-place teams. Florida and Ole Miss tied for fifth, and Vanderbilt and Mississippi State finished sixth and seventh.



**IN ACTION**—Tennis ace Marcel van der Merwe demonstrates the style that has brought him to set an all time Auburn record in singles wins with 92.

## Basketball Team Adds Four Signees

By Sam Hendrix

Auburn's basketball signees for next season will apparently bring excellent shooting skills but little height (relatively speaking) to Coach Sonny Smith's program. Smith will welcome five freshmen to next fall's team, including guards Ray Richardson and Derrick Dennison and forwards Jeffrey McFadden and John Caylor.

"This has not been a good recruiting year for us," Smith said in late April. "It's been an adequate year."

The new players' profiles:

Ray Richardson of Wilson, Va., is a 6-5 guard who averaged 15.1 points, 6.2 rebounds, and 4.3 assists per game in his senior year at Oak Hill Academy (the same institution at which current Auburn player Mike Jones completed his high schooling). Originally from South Bend, Ind., Richardson has played in several all-star games recently, including the prestigious Derby Classic in Louisville, Ky., where he scored 14 points and added seven assists. He's reputedly an outstanding shooter.

Jeffrey McFadden, a 6-7 forward from Atlanta's Sylvan High School, averaged 25 points, 14 rebounds, and four blocked shots per game his senior year. He was all-city, all-region, and all-state. Smith notes that McFadden is the only Auburn signee with physical aspects to his game.

Derrick Dennison, a 6-2 guard from Douglass High in Atlanta, is a point guard who was considered the number four player in Georgia by *The Atlanta Constitution*. He committed to Auburn back in November.

John Caylor, a 6-7 forward from Morristown, Tenn., is another fine shooter, one

who Smith expects to aid the Tigers from the newly-installed three-point range.

Smith directed Auburn to its highest NCAA tournament finish ever, the Western Regional championship and a berth in the final eight. Auburn fell to Louisville, the eventual national champs, by eight in the closing minutes, but stayed with the Cardinals for the entire game. Much of the season's success can be attributed to Chuck Person, the 6-8 All-America forward who will be one of the top picks in the upcoming National Basketball Association draft. But with Person gone, what's in store for Auburn basketball in '86-87?

Starting guards Frank Ford and Gerald White will both be seniors, and forward Chris Morris and center Jeff Moore will be juniors. The most likely fifth starter would be Mike Jones, who was the SEC's outstanding freshmen this past year. He's a 6-7 forward. Backups will be guards Terrance Howard, Melvin Haralson, and Johnny Lynn. Transfer Aundrae Davis, a 6-5 guard with outstanding ability, has sat out the year and should see plenty of action next season.

## New Atkins Award Honors Top Women Athletes

The Leah Rawls Atkins Award has been established at Auburn to honor the outstanding woman athlete in terms of scholarship, leadership, character, and athletic accomplishment.

The Atkins Award, designed to be the women's equivalent of the Cliff Hare Award, which was established in 1958, is named in

honor of Leah Marie Rawls Atkins '58, noted historian and the first woman member of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. She is currently director of the Auburn University Center for the Arts and Humanities.

"This is the most meaningful honor that has ever come my way," Dr. Atkins said. "I hope it will be an inspiration to Auburn's women athletes. My life was enriched by competitive athletics on the national and international level, and I appreciate the fact that today's women athletes have a far greater chance to compete and gain recognition than the women of my day."

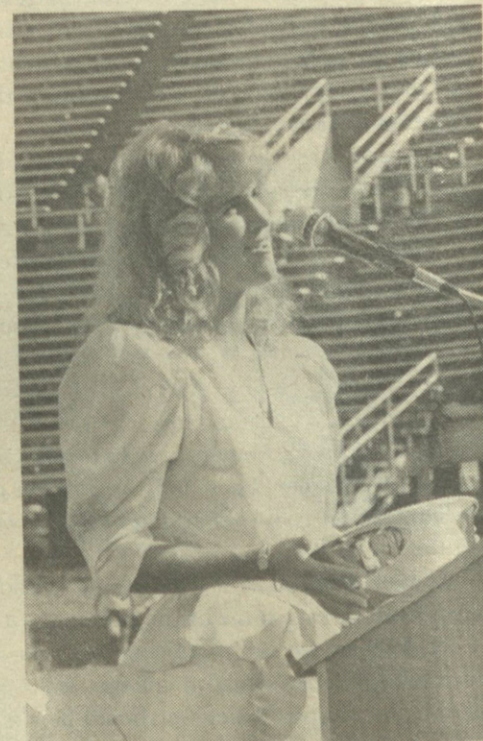
Dr. Atkins won the women's world championship in water skiing in 1953 and 1954 and the United States women's championship in 1956 and 1957. Her fame was worldwide and she later became an international water ski instructor. She was one of the most famous woman athletes of her day.

Her career and her life have been closely intertwined with Auburn. She came to Auburn in 1953 as a freshman from Shades Valley High School in Birmingham, majoring in history and secondary education. She married George Atkins, an All-SEC football player at Auburn, in 1954.

She graduated from Auburn in 1958 with a degree in history while still a skiing champion. She later earned her master's and Ph.D. in history from Auburn. She has taught at Auburn, UAB, and Samford. She returned to Auburn in 1985 to become director of the Center for Arts and Humanities which assists cities, counties, and local groups in researching their history, crafts, folklore, music, literature, and religion.

Dr. Atkins has published three books, *The Valley and the Hills: An Illustrated History of Birmingham and Jefferson County*; *A Manual for Writing Alabama State and Local History*; and *The Romantic Idea: Alabama Plantation Eden*. She is currently president of the Alabama Historical Association.

"Our women athletes are a very important part of our athletic program," said Athletic Director Pat Dye. "We are pleased that the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Dr. Martin have established this award. We join Dr. Atkins in hoping that



**BEGINNING A TRADITION**—Tracie Tips, a diver on the women's swim team, receives the first Leah Rawls Atkins Award during halftime of the A-Day game. Tracie graduated winter quarter with a 3.58 GPA in pre-med psychology.



this award will be a challenge to all of our women athletes, giving them an opportunity to get the recognition they so richly deserve."

Dr. Atkins, mother of four children and grandmother of three, still finds time to water ski. "I don't jump or do toe turns," she said, "but I still love the sport." The first Atkins Award was presented at A-Day, April 26.

The first recipient of the Atkins Award is Tracie Tips, a diver on the women's swim team. She's had an outstanding diving career, competing in the NCAA Championships each of her years at Auburn. She graduated winter quarter with a 3.58 GPA in pre-med/psychology.

## Swim Team Finishes 14th at NCAA

By Dan Shell

The men's swim team closed out its 1985-86 season on April 5 with a fourteenth place finish at the NCAA Championships at Indianapolis, Ind., the eleventh time Auburn has finished in the Top 20 in the past 12 years.

Rod Bowman and Jose Rocha led the Auburn squad, both earning All-American honors at the meet. Bowman, a sophomore, was Auburn's highest finisher in the meet, placing sixth in the 200-meter butterfly. Freshman Rocha, the 1986 SEC

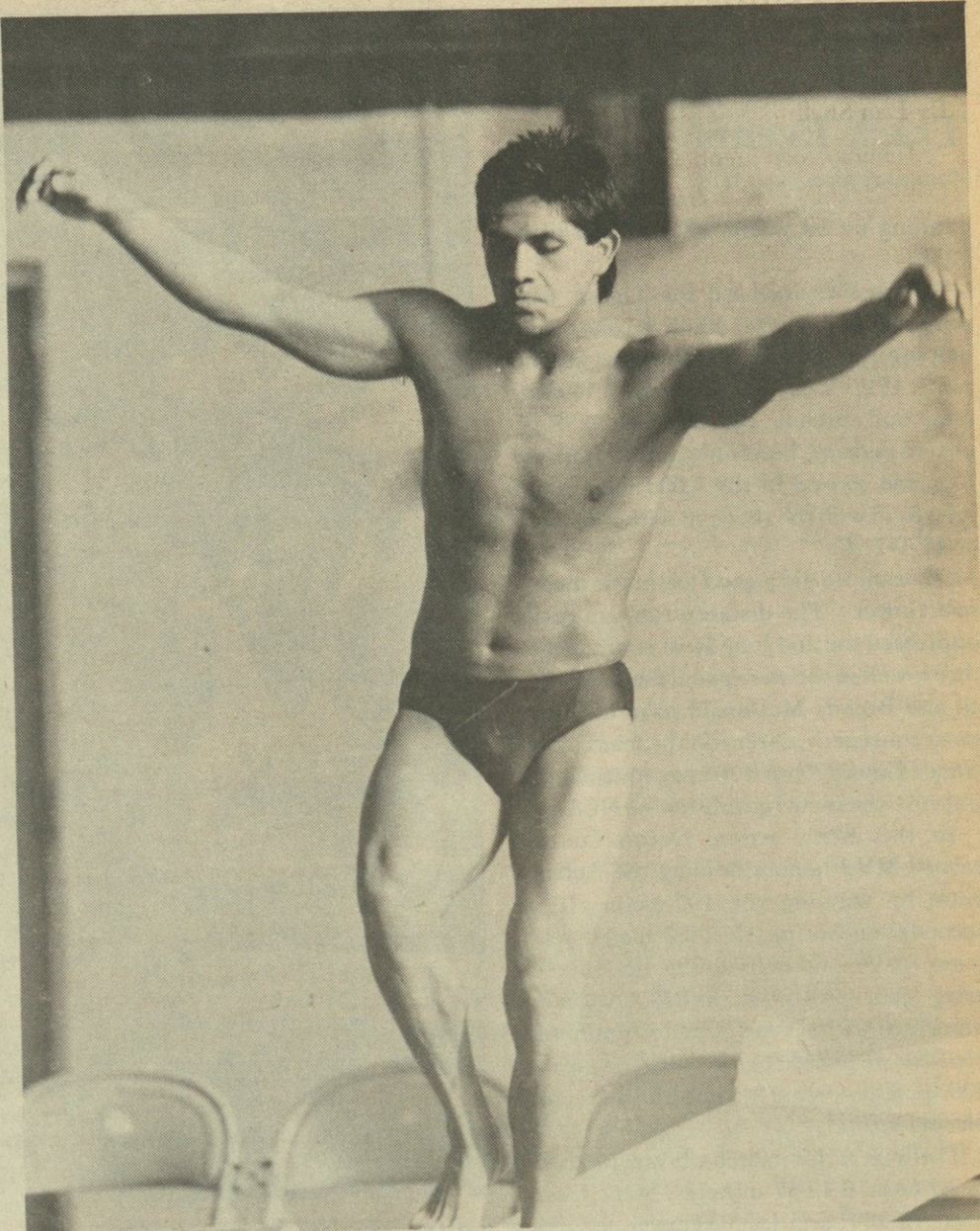
Diver of the Year, placed eighth in the 3-meter dive.

"Going into the meet, I knew we would be in a battle to finish anywhere from ninth to fifteenth in the nation," said Auburn coach John Asmuth. "I was a little disappointed in our relay swims and the way we swam on the second day. I believe that's what kept us from finishing in the Top 10."

Auburn swimmers earning honorable mention All-American and scoring for Auburn in the meet were Per Johansson, for his eleventh and fourteenth place finishes in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle; Mark Canterbury and Shawn Blatt, for their respective tenth and twelfth place finishes in the 200-meter breaststroke; Bowman, for his sixteenth place finish in the 100-meter butterfly; Rocha, for placing tenth in the 1-meter dive; and the 400-meter relay team of Steve Farmer, Blatt, Bowman, and Johansson which finished tenth.

"I was pleased with our overall effort," said Asmuth, "as everyone we brought to the meet contributed to the team points either individually or on a relay. I was also encouraged by our younger swimmers, particularly Rod Bowman, Jose Rocha, and Mark Canterbury. Their performances kept us going in the meet and they should be big factors for the team's success in the years to come."

Note: The 1985-86 swimming season included a new Auburn record in the 100-



**ALL-AMERICAN DIVER**—Jose Rocha, 1986 SEC Diver of the Year, earned All-American honors at the NCAA championships in early April. Rocha is a freshman and should be bringing home many other honors before his career at Auburn ends.

meter butterfly, set by Rod Bowman at the SEC Championships. His record time was 48.24 seconds.

## A Roundup of Men's And Women's Spring Track Events

By Dan Shell

In track action, the ladies' team traveled to Atlanta on April 5, where they won seven events at the Georgia Tech Invitational, a non-scoring meet. Senior June Reid led the Tigers as she won three field events—the javelin, 136'-3", discus, 136'-1", and the shot-put, 44'-11". Verle Gundersen came in second in the discus with a throw of 109'-9". In other field events, Brenda McDonald won the triple jump with a leap of 36'-1" and Nellina Lofton finished fifth in the long jump at 16'-5-3/4".

"June probably had her best three-event day since coming to Auburn," said coach Lee Gower. "She had one personal best in the discus and two of her better efforts in the javelin and shot put."

In the track events, senior Dee Dee Colter set a school record in the 1,500 meter with a time of 4:33.6 and All-American Rosalind Council won the 100-meter hurdles at 13.88 seconds, while Brenda McDonald, 14.49, and Camaro West, 14.88, finished third and fifth. Fawn Young raced to first place in the 200-meter, and Sadie

Smith took top honors in the 400-meter hurdles, 61.2. Sophomore Joni Mooney returned to her top form, winning the 3,000 meter with a time of 10:04.8 seconds.

"We took this as a low-key meet, giving the athletes the opportunity to perform in open events," said Gower. "Being in races that they don't usually enter seemed to give the girls more incentive to excel."

That same weekend, the men's track team traveled to Tallahassee, Fla., where they dropped their first dual meet in almost three years to Florida State, 80-69. However, the meet wasn't without some glory for the Tigers as Brian Abshire turned in the best collegiate time of the year in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at 8:26.46 minutes. Also three Auburn runners qualified for the NCAA Championships in June—Daron Council (Rosalind's husband), 10.29 seconds in the 100-meter, Kevin Henderson, 49.89 in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles, and freshman Clifton Campbell, 45.98 in the 400-meter dash. Campbell's time broke three-time Olympian Willie Smith's record.

"Brian's performance was tremendous," said head coach Mel Rosen. "A time that fast in a dual meet is a credit to his ability. He is one of the best distance runners in the country. I'm disappointed in losing the meet, but FSU has a real strong dual meet team."

The following weekend both teams traveled to Tampa, Fla., to compete in the Tampa Invitational. The weekend was a good one for Auburn's track program as the women's team finished third and the men's team dominated their competition,



**AN AUBURN BEAUTY**—Florrie Salter, a freshman from Albany, Ga., in the pre-business curriculum, was crowned Miss Auburn during halftime of the A-Day game. Her escort was Auburn quarterback Bobby Walden.



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winning by 20 points over second place FSU.

Rosalind Council led the Tigers, winning the 100 meter, 13.46 seconds, and helping the 4X100 relay team to second place, 45.25. Dee Dee Colter, 9:57.56 minutes, and Brenda Malinauskas, 9:58.29, posted personal best times as they finished first and second in the 5,000 meter, and June Reid won the shot-put with a distance of 45'-9-1/4".

"Overall we did a good job in the meet," said Gower. "The distance runners really impressed me and June Reid continued to throw well in the shot-put. Rosalind Council and Brenda McDonald have been our most consistent scorers on the team," continued Gower, "and if Brenda continues to improve she should qualify for the NCAA's."

In the men's action, Daron Council earned MVP honors, leading the Auburn team by winning the 100-meter, 10.56 seconds, anchoring the 400-meter relay team, 39.96, and helping the 1,600-meter relay team qualify for the NCAA Championships with a time of 3:05.36 minutes. He also qualified for the NCAA's in the 200-meter, posting a time of 20.52 and placing second.

The Tigers dominated the steeplechase as Al Lusk, 9:12.37 minutes, Mark Hastings, 9:20.77, and John Hansen, 9:25.22, finished first, second, and third. In the



**IN ACTION**—Rosalind Council, Auburn's All-American runner, has had a good spring, winning several 100 meter races and helping the 4 X 100 relay team to place high in several meets. Rosalind's latest honor is her nomination by Auburn for SEC Female Athlete of the Year.



**CONTINUING A TRADITION**—Rob Shuler, offensive guard for the football team and an All-Academic SEC selection in 1985, accepted the Cliff Hare Award from President Jim Martin at the halftime ceremonies during Auburn's annual A-Day game. The junior from Dunwoody, Ga., currently in the business curriculum, is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a member of the Spades honorary.

1,500 meter, Brian Abshire, Matt Parker, Bob Sheehan, and Randy Hudson finished first through fourth, with times ranging from Abshire's 3:46.02 to Hudson's 3:49.65 finish. Brian Jaeger won the 5,000 meter with a time of 14:06.65, and Clifton Campbell broke his own freshman record for the 400 meter, finishing third with a time of 45.64 seconds.

"I thought Daron Council showed what kind of ability he had in this meet," said coach Mel Rosen. "Overall, we had a good team effort and sweeping the steeple and 1,500 meters like we did was real exciting."

In continuing track action, both the men's and women's teams traveled to Philadelphia, Pa., on April 25 and 26 to compete in the prestigious Penn Relays. All-American Rosalind Council continued her fine season by winning the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 13.27. Other fine performances included the 4X100 meter relay team of Council, Cheryl Glenn, Fawn Young, and Nellina Lofton placing fourth, but qualifying for the NCAA's with a time of 44.98, and Brenda McDonald placing second in the long jump with a leap of 19'-6".

"The highlight of the meet was the 4X100 relay team qualifying for the NCAA's," said coach Lee Gower. "They competed with tough teams like Texas, Morgan State, and Tennessee in the meet. Rosalind ran well in the 100 meter and has been our most consistent runner this season. Brenda McDonald and June Reid continued to be consistent in each of their events and could be a factor in the SEC Championships if they stay on course."

The standout performances in the men's competition were the 4X400 meter relay team placing first and setting a track record of 3 min. 4.52 sec., and Kevin Henderson running a season's best time of 49.41 in the 400-meter hurdles to gain second place. Also, All-American Brian Abshire came in

third in the 5,000-meter open race (13:38.40) and the 4X1,500 relay team finished third (14:58.80), becoming only the second American team this year to finish in under 15 minutes.

"This past weekend was outstanding," said coach Mel Rosen. "I was especially happy with the 400-relay team setting the record and the performance of the 1,500-relay team, and Kevin Henderson is starting to get his time around where it should be after a slow start."

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